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Sellafield research finding prompts safety probe

Leukaemia link to atom plant fathers

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent, and Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

An urgent investigation of safety at nuclear power stations was ordered by the Government yesterday after experts found that men working in the plants may conceive children with leukaemia.

The study of the disease among children born near the Sellafield plant in West Cumbria provides the strongest link yet between leukaemia "clusters" with power stations, and is certain to have international safety implications.

It found that children living in Seascale, a village near the plant, were 10 times more likely to suffer from the disease than children in the general population; and one in five of children with the disease studied had fathers who worked at Sellafield.

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The Government said last night that it "noted with the findings of the Medical Research Council study, and "recognized the

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water bring itself back

from its greatest crisis?

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by the language of wine

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writer, Jane MacQuitty,

explains how to read

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yesterday's Portfolio

Platinum prize of £4,000.

Today's chance to win

£2,000 is on page 29

Tickets claim

Hundreds of tickets for the

rugby union international at Twickenham tomorrow were

stolen from a former England

player, Mike Burton, to ex-

pose a black-market racket, it

was claimed in court. Page 40

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those who could be at risk". Mr Roger Freeman, Parliamentary Secretary for vesterday Health, said the report was being sent for urgent consideration by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (Comare), an independent scientific

anxieties it must cause to

committee. The Health and Safety Executive is to investigate the case histories of affected families. The study, led by Professor Martin Gardner, of South-ampton University, suggests that radiation at Sellafield

Victims' reaction Cosmic radiation Leading article.

could have affected the sperm of men working there, possibly introducing a gene mutation. Their children would then have been born with a higher-than-average risk of developing the disease.

The researchers found that the risks were not related to retary of the institution of environmental contamination from Sellafield discharges, such as playing on the nearby beach, eating seafood or home grown vegetables. They also dismissed the theory that a virus infecting the local population was responsible.

The study is the first of its kind in the world, and similar exercises are being set up at other sites. One at Dounreav in Caithness is to be com-A 1988 study by Comare

cases of childhood leukaemia of whom were within eight miles of the town — three times the number that would be expected.

The scientists in the Sellafield study found that of 52 local children who had leukaemia between 1950 and 1985, Sellafield. The link was strongest where the father had received particularly high doses of radiation before the child's conception.

"These findings need to be confirmed by other studies near other nuclear establishments, but they have important potential implications for radiobiology and for the protection of radiation workers and their children," Professor Gardner and colleagues say in their report, published in the British Medical Journal today.

Mandela criticizes UK for easing sanctions

From Nicholas Beeston, Soweto and Peter Guilford, Strasbourg

rebuked Britain for easing sanctions on South Africa and urged Mrs Thatcher to adhere to the policies of the EC.

The European Parliament yesterday passed an emer-gency resolution welcoming Mr Mandela's release but saying the time is not yet right to lift any sanctions.

Speaking to foreign journalists from the garden of his house in Soweto, Mr Mandela said the recent reforms an-

Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday nounced by President de preconditions necessary to lift

economic measures imposed Angry whites.

on Pretoria. "The British Government should not act unilaterally on this question," said Mr Mandela.

"There is no need to review continued on page 20, col 7 cow began a debate on the has never made a secret of his continued on page 20, col 7 subject, Mr Ligachov said: "I opposition to private ownerthe question of sanctions at all

British Nuclear Fuels, which runs the Sellafield concern" and called for urgent action to reduce radiation dose limits for employees. BNF said it would offer medical counselling to all

Scientists and engineers at

employees and their families. but Dr Adam Lawson, chief medical officer, said the study proved radiation was not the sole cause of leukaemia. The report was a "superb, firstclass academic paper" and a pointer to where further re-search should be done, but its findings had to be kept in perspective.

The report covers a period of 36 years, when there were 74 cases of leukaemia in West Cumbria. Of that 74, only 10 involved parents of children who worked at Sellafield, showing that radiation in itself cannot be the cause of leukaemia and there must be some other factors," he said.

Professionals, Managers and Specialists, which has 9,000 members in the nuclear industry, said: "There must be prompt examination of radiation dose limits and further action to protect employees." Mr Frank Dobson, the Lab-

our energy spokesman, called for studies at every nuclear installation to establish the level of the health hazard; and Mr Malcolm Bruce, the pleted as a matter of urgency. Liberal Democrat environ ment spokesman, demanded into leukaemia clusters at the immediate abandonment round Dounreay found six of the Thorp reprocessing plant being built at Sellafield between 1968 and 1984, five and the phasing out of all reprocessing.

Professor Alan Emery, emeritus professor of human genetics at Edinburgh University medical school, said that if it were true that a genetic mutation of workers' sperm was the cause of the disease in 10 had fathers who worked at their children, there was no way of screening for it. He was unconvinced that the study results pointed to a genetic mutation of sperm as the cause, saying leukaemia was

not a genetic disease. The peak incidence of the most common form of childhood leukaemia is at the age of six or seven years; it declines thereafter. Two out of three cases of the disease can be cured by conventional chemotherapy. There is no test which can detect a genetic pre-disposition to leukaemia, either in children or adults.

Britain and Argentina restore diplomatic ties From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Madrid, and Michael Knipe in London

Child of Sellafield: Gemma D'Arcy, aged six, the third cancer victim at her school, with her father Stephen, a Sellafield worker who is taking legal action against British Nuclear Fuels

years of bitterness, Britain and part, Argentina last night agreed to resume diplomatic relations and lift the 150-mile Protection Zone around the Falklands. It is to be replaced with a system of exchanges of military information.

The agreement, which was announced in Madrid at a joint Anglo-Argentine press conference after talks which Even in the last hours of ran on longer than expected, negotiation there were delays clears the way for the two caused by differences over the countries to exchange ambassadors. Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's permanent representative to the United Na-

In an accord ending eight Solar, his Argentine counter- discussed but is likely to be the the subject of a demarche by the Argentine authorities, said New security arrangements made announcement.

A diplomat in the talks said it had taken much longer to are to come into force from renew relations between the March 31. These will involve two countries than it had both sides giving advance between Britain and Germany notice of military manoeuvres

Talks on fisheries are to continue and arrangements for visits by Argentinians to war cemeteries in the Falklands are to be worked out through the Red Cross.

President Menem of Argenwording of the final tina has made it clear that he does not regard the sov-Neither side changed its position on the sovereignty of ereignty of the Falklands as an urgent issue, so it remained off tions, and Señor García del the Falklands, which was not the agenda.

igachov fights hired labour

after the Second World War.

Leading article.

communiqué.

way of life.

Mr Yegor Ligachov, the the shall fight to try to convince ship of property and other hardline Polithuro member, people ... it's a question of the aspects of the free market. yesterday promised to fight the introduction of private hired labour in the Soviet Union and threatened to take is necessary. But that's also a the battle outside the party.

Speaking on BBC2's Newsnight television programme as the leading orthodox Comthe Supreme Soviet in Mos-

At last week's Central Committee plenum he spoke against opening the slightest "I shall try to prove my point outside the party, if that chink to permit the introduchypothetical question."

tion of private ownership' Mr Ligachov, considered and called for a national referendum on the issue. munist in the party apparatus, In last night's interview, he

has never made a secret of his said he favoured an economy Continued on page 6, col 4

Major rules out relief on mortgages and interest

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

cellor of the Exchequer, yes-terday virtually ruled out an the people responsible for the increase in the mortgage tax economic policies which had relief ceiling in the Budget

He also offered no hope of that the high rates were "diffian early reduction in interest rates, despite the alarm in Conservative circles at the after the Cabinet had spent 20 political fallout from the minutes discussing the econrecord increase in mortgage rates to 15.4 per cent by the Abbey National.

Mr George Younger, man-ager of the Prime Minister's campaign in the Tory leadership contest last year, conceded yesterday in a BBC radio interview: "There will be some people who have mortgages who are already very extended for whom this is the last straw. That is very unfortunate indeed and that will have some effect in the

There is a growing conviction among Tory MPs reflected in ministerial ranks that bitter defeats lie ahead in the Mid-Staffordshire parliamentary by-election and the May local elections, thanks to interest rates and the poll tax.

Ministers are sticking grimly to the line that inflation is the worst evil and that the battle against inflation. requiring continued high interest rates, must have priority. But they recognize that they will pay a heavy penalty unless that policy shows noticeable dividends by the time of this year's autumn

Mr John Major, the Chan- of high interest rates, notably

The Chancellor admitted cult and painful" for home-buyers. His comments came after the Cabinet had spent 20 omy and the strains in Tory

Parliament. **Jobless fears**

ranks imposed by the record mortgage level, continued high interest rates and the unpopularity of the poll tax.

There was, however, some good news for ministers. Despite widespread expectation that the long run of falling unemployment figures would come to an end, yesterday's unemployment total fell for the forty-second consecutive

Unemployment dropped by 23,200 to 1,611,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis. Britain's 5.7 per cent jobless rate is substantially lower than the European Community

In a clash over mortg rates between Mr Neil Kinnock and the Prime Minister at Question Time, the Labour leader accepted what he called her "confession" that it was government economic policies which were responsible for the present level of mortgage rates.

Mr Major yesterday was Barclays Bank said yes-reminded by his party's MPs terday that it would hold its that those suffering the effects mortgage rate until May 1.

Tunnel cash crisis

By John Bell, City Editor

The £7.2 billion channel tunnel project is days away from is understood to want the running out of cash after a British co-chairman, Mr refusal by Transmanche Link, the construction consortium, to accept proposed management changes at Eurotunnel.

At the beginning of January, man and chief executive as Eurotunnel had £50 million of part of a top management cash resources available but reshuffle yesterday. now has enough money to last less than two weeks.

But it hinged on the signature said.
of an agreement between

Eurotunnel and TML, which Alastair Morton, removed from day-to-day involvement with the construction project. He was named deputy chair-

"TML hasn't yet signed certain documents and has New bank financing, agreed informed the agent banks and in January, was to tide Eurotunnel that it isn't yet Eurotunnel over until May. willing to do so," Eurotunnel

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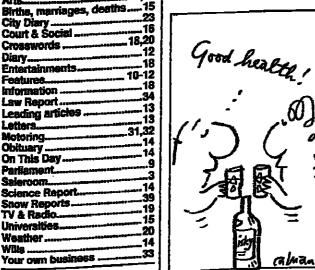


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Scientists doubt Perrier line on benzene source



By Mark Souster

Scientists yesterday cast doubt on the explanation by Pertier of how its natural mineral water became contaminated with benzene, which has been linked

with cancer. They said it was unheard of for benzene to be produced naturally and the contamination of the naturally carbonated mineral water was more likely to have occurred through manmade pollution seeping into the spring. But they emphasized there was no health

risk to the public. M Gustave Leven, Perrier's chairman, said on Wednesday that the contamination was the result of "a human error" when filters in its bottling plant at Vergèze, south-west France, were not replaced on schedule. He said that the

spring remained pure. He said that benzene, which has caused cancer in laboratory animals and other chemicals were naturally present, albeit in minute amounts, in the spring.

The company uses filters to remove such impurities, he said, but for some reason they were not changed when they Spectrum

should have been. "There was therefore an accumulation of benzene."

That statement changed the company's account of how the benzene got into the bottles. When the chemical was found in Perrier in the US, company officials said it had occurred because a worker had mistakenly used a cleaning solvent containing benzene to remove

grease and grime from production equipment. Experts yesterday said that naturally-

produced benzene was unheard of. Dr John Fawell, principal toxicologist at the Water Research Centre, Medmenham, Buckinghamshire, said: "It is just not credible that this is naturally occurring."

Dr Stephen White, principal drinking water scientist at Thames Water, said: "I would question the validity of Perrier's statement. It seems unlikely."

As remaining bottles of Perrier were removed from UK supermarket shelves, the company's rivals made contingency plans to exploit the gap in the market. Plans to close the Buxton Mineral Water plant for two weeks' maintenance were postponed immediately and production stepped up from eight to 24 hours a day.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Strike vote likely by Mersey crews

More than 500 ambulance men and women on Merseyside are likely to defy their national union leaders and vote for an all-out indefinite strike (Tim Jones writes). Last night, Mr Ray Clayton, branch secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said he expected the result, to be announced on Monday, to be overwhelmingly in favour of a

The ballot is being held in spite of the insistence of Mr Roger Poole, the unions' chief negotiator, and his colleagues that the 999 emergency service must be maintained. Union leaders, who on Wednesday instructed crews to refuse to obay instructions from chief ambulance officers and senior managers, fear that any move to turn the six-month dispute into a strike would lose public support.

Mr Clayton said: "For three months, 150 of our staff have been without pay. We now have about 100 accident and emergency staff in the same position." He said his staff had tood the national line all the way so far and had done this

Welsh actors held

Bryn Fon, a Welsh singer and actor, and his girl friend were being questioned by police in Wales last night in connection with the underground movement Mebion Glyndwr (Ruth Gledhill writes). Mr Fon, aged 35, was taken from his home at Nazareth, near Penygroes, in Gwynedd, north Wales, to the police station at Dolgellau on Wednesday. Hours later, his girl friend, Anna Wyn Williams, was taken to the station. Yesterday Mr Meirion Jones, an actor, was arrea Llangernyw, near Abergele, and was released on bail. A third actor, Mr Daffyd Thomas, aged 41, was arrested in London.

Labour MP's threat

A Labour MP is threatening to take legal action against the A Labour MP is threatening to take legal action against the party over its alleged failure to investigate complaints that he was deselected by foul play (Nigel Williamson writes). Mr John Hughes, the left-wing MP for Coventry North-east, whose replacement by Mr Bob Ainsworth has already been endorsed by Labour's National Executive, has drawn up a 200-page dossier of complaints regarding the vote. A verbal report will be given to the executive on Monday.

Piper inquiry ends

The Piper Alpha public inquiry into the world's worst offshore oil disaster, in which 167 people died on July 6, 1988, ended in Aberdeen yesterday after almost 13 months in session. Originally expected to last for only a few months, the inquiry set a record as Britain's longest disaster hearing. It sat for 180 days, hearing 260 witnesses, at an estimated cost to the state of over £4 million. The inquiry's report is expected to be published later this year.

Four die in car crash

Three adults and a baby were killed last night when their car travelling north collided with an articulated lorry on the A1 Morpeth bypass in Northumberland. Firemen had to cut the victims free from the wreckage of the car. The road was closed to traffic and police are investigating the cause. Four police ambulances were sent as no others were available due to the ambulance staff pay dispute. The crash victims have

Drinkers on the binge

As many as 300,000 people in Wales go on a harmful drinking binge at least once a week, a survey by the Health Promotion Authority suggests. Amid concern that Wales is one of the worst regions for alcohol abuse, the report shows that young men in manual jobs are the worst binge drinkers.
"Binge drinking" was defined as the equivalent of five pints of beer or 10 single whiskies for men, and, for women, as seven single gins or seven glasses of wine.

Defence industry

staff is proposed

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Government should take cers and men, who are opsteps to help the defence industry begin converting to sea with Wrens on board some of its production lines for non-military products, Mr and Portsmouth today to Martin O'Neill, Labour deliver protest petitions to spokesman on defence, said two naval bases.

vesterday. He said disarmament was already under way and it was the Government's responsibility to ensure that the skills and expertise of those employed in defence work were not wasted. He proposed that an arms conversion agency be set up to provide training for skilled defence workers to switch to new areas of civilian production and technology.

Mr O'Neill, addressing a conference at the Centre for Product Development Services in Sheffield, added: "The work should start now. Disarmament is already happening. The consequent reduction in arms production must be the engine for change.

"The reduction in demand for the output of the armaments industry means that it is the management and the workers who are looking for new markets and new products on which to expend their skills and capabilities."

Mr O'Neill said the 500,000 employees involved in the British defence industry represented one of the greatest concentrations of skilled labour in the world. It would be Mr O'Neill: "Disarmament

By Ronald Faux

After a painful battle against cancer the findings of Professor Martin

Gardner's report did not surprise

Vivien Hope, aged 23, of Seascale, Cambria. Two years ago she devel-oped Hodgkin's Lymphona, a dis-ease linked directly to radiation.

Her father, David, retired last

year. He had worked at the British

Nuclear Fuels plant at Sellafield for

32 years as a fitter, spending much

Vivien, who spent a year in a

wheelchair after intensive chemo-

therapy and bone marrow trans-

plants, at one stage had tumours

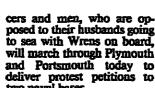
attacking her spine, kidneys and neck glands. Her recovery has

startled medical staff at the hospital

in Newcastle where she was treated

but vesterday she said that early in

of the time in radioactive areas.



The announcement that women would be allowed to serve on warships was made last week.Mrs Jayne Green, aged 32, organizer of the Plymouth march, said that when the US Navy allowed women on ships, 35 per cent of them became pregnant in the first year: "We do not think we have a chance of getting the Navy to change its mind, but we think we should

have been consulted." Mrs Ann Howell, organizer of the Portsmouth march, said she expected bundreds of wives to join in. "We have got enough to worry about will



against BNFL.

the BNFL plant.

her treatment the family had been told by medical specialists that the

cause of her illness could have been a

defective gene from her father transferred at conception.

technical clerk for contractors at the Sellafield plant a few miles from the

family home in Lingmell Crescent, Seascale. She now walks with the help of a stick and the Hopes are one

of the families taking legal action

Mr Hope said: "I never used to think anything about these stories of radiation damage. Until it hits your

own family you never do and the

whole of West Cumbria depends on

"We thought the cause could have been something like this at the time

and the medical people mentioned it

as a possibility two years ago, but

Vivien worked for three years as a

Protest on student loans brings traffic to a standstill



Protesting students, flanked by police, marching across Chelsea Bridge, London, yesterday on their way to Hyde Park to demonstrate against the loans Bill.

Food experts want strict laws to control manufacturers and outlets

be introduced to control the food industry and have urged the Government to iment measures to ensure that all food outlets are in-

spected before being allowed

A report produced by a team of experts under the chairmanship of Sir Mark Richmond, Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, was published by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for

Health, yesterday. The committee recom-mended tighter controls for

staff in outlets should by law have to be adequately trained. It also highlighted an urgent need for a better understand-

disease of listeria.

Mr Clarke welcomed the report as "constructive and thorough", and said: "We shall follow up positively its many useful recommendations. We trust that others to whom recommendations are addressed, in particular the food industry and environmental health authorities, will examine it to see how the level

the poultry industry and said that managers and supervisors of food safety in this country can be further raised." in the food manufacturing The committee's proposal

Experts investigating the rise industry must be properly for the introduction of licens-in food poisoning cases have trained in the hazards of food ing of food outlets goes further recommended that strict laws poisoning organisms and that than the Government's plans, which involve all premises having to register with a local authority without the need for inspection before they open ing of the potentially fatal

The committee said there was a "considerable advan-tage in prior inspection and approval before a food business is opened or a process

Mr Clarke said the proposais went further than the Government felt necessary. "We do, however, see the value of the committee's views on prior notification and we intend to introduce a simple system of prior registration which would not imtive burdens but would help business and enforcement authorities alike." Professor Richard Lacey, the food safety critic, said the

committee's report would only help "a little" to control food poisoning. "The real issue, I believe — the nature of the food processing industry - is not being addressed there."

Professor Lacey, professor of microbiology at Leeds Uni-versity, said the report "will also tend to favour the large food produce companies of which the membership of this committee is comprised".

The committee included representatives from Unilever, Trusthouse Forte, Cadbury Schweppes and Sainsis heavily biased towards tending to blame most of our problems on the food sellers. What we need to sort out is the food processing industry.

"I welcome reservedly the need to improve outlets, but I am very much aware, in so doing this will benefit the large companies and fails to address the current defects in the food processing industry."

In spite of increased awareness of the need for food hygiene, figures show an increase in 1989 of the most common types of food poisoning. Last year there were more than 60,000 cases in total with just under 30,000 people hit by salmonella, compared with

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

Thousands of students marched through exclusive London suburbs yesterday in protest at the Student Loans Bill as it had its third reading in the

The students brought traffic to a standstill as they marched through Chelsea and Mayfair. Police deployed helicop and large numbers of officers with riot equipment waited in reserve, the result of violent clashes between m police and students on the last national demonstation in Lon-

don two years ago. Nine students were arrested and two policemen slightly injured during scuffles. The loans Bill is expected to get a harsh ride through the House of Lords in a fortnight's

time when senior backbench Tory peers, notably Lord Beloff, join Labour and Democrat peers in expressing distaste for the proposals. The Government plans to freeze student maintenance

grants at 1990 levels (about £2,500 a year for those eligible • Mr Neil Kinnock was last night snubbed by left-wing teachers who walked out of a

meeting he was due to address in the Central Hall, West-More than 400 teachers brought to Parliament by the National Union of Teachers to lobby MPs over pay left the hall moments before Mr

Kinnock was due to speak to ttend an alternative meeting in the Commons addressed by Mr Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South. News of the deserted hall reached Mr Kinnock's private

office and his speech was cancelled.

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the union, said:
"It's the first time in my experience that an NUT lebby has been divided by the deliberate organization of an alter-

native meeting." The alternative meeting was organized by the Campaign for a Democratic and Fighting

 Mr McAvoy said rising interest rates and poor pay was making recruitment and retention of teachers more

Association of Polytechnic Teachers yesterday voted to accept a 6.5 per cent pay offer back-dated to April 1 last year plus a further 1 per cent from last September from the Poly-technics and Colleges Employers Forum.

Contamination fears

Transition role for | Farmers demand cattle feed labels

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

Ferry port check led to explosives charges

ful possession of explosive substances,

including a quantity of sodium chlorate

and 10 mercury tilt switches. They

denied the charges.

The anti-terrorist Special Criminal

Court in Dublin was told that the couple

was arrested at Rosslare Harbour in Co

Wexford on July 12 last year after getting

The three judges, sitting without a

jury, were told that when stopped by

customs, Mr Hardy claimed to be a

gardener and said the white substance found in his suitcase was "weed-killer".

then there are quite a few cases that three years. The other two died. Last

off a ferry from Cherbourg, France.

Animal feed manufacturers are being pressed to list the ingredients in their products in the wake of crises linked to contaminated feed. These have included lead in

imported cattle cake, the "mad cow" disease BSE, which is believed to have been caused by feeding cattle the remains of scrapie-infected sheep, and salmonella in poultry flocks and eggs. Manufacturers are not re-

quired by law to say in any their feed, but merely to declare the broad proportions of proteins, fibre, oil, minerals and vitamins it contains with some information on the energy content.

This week delegates to the annual general meeting of the National Farmers' Union voted unanimously for a resolution calling for a change in the law making a detailed declaration of the ingredients in feed compulsory. New

By Edward Gorman

Irish Affairs Correspondent

Two alleged members of a provisional

IRA active service unit operating against

British targets on the Continent were

arrested as a result of a routine customs

check at an Irish ferry port, a Dublin

Leonard Hardy, aged 28, originally

from Belfast but with an address at Bally Shannon Avenue, Coolock, Dublin, and

Donna Maguire, aged 22, of John Martin Gardens, Newry, face charges of unlaw-

do not fit the pattern.

Sellafield cancer victim 'not surprised by findings'

In Cleator Moor, 10 miles from

the Seliafield plant, Mr Stephen D'Arcy, aged 30, a BNFL worker,

had returned from the hospital in

Newcastle where his daughter Gennus, aged six, is being treated

undergone bone marrow transplant

but she is in little pain. She has no

white blood cells at all. They may

not come back, we just don't know. But the doctors are optimistic," he

said as he learnt of the report

"She is very ill and has just

court was told yesterday.

EC's Council of Agriculture would hope that animal feed Ministers, including Mr John Gummer for Britain, last month will require feed companies to list individual ingredients, or categories of ingredients, by descending order of weight.

But those regulations will not come into force for at least 18 months. There is also likely to be argument over how the concept of "categories" is defined - whether it would be animal feed. enough simply to say "ceredetail what they put into their als" or whether the type of grain would have to be elopment, much of which goes specified

"We will be pressing the minister to try to speed up the process, Mr David Naish, the union vice-president, said. "If we are to be held responsible for the safety of

the food we produce, we must know what is in the bag of feed we buy from the merchant." Dr David Clark, Labour spokesman on agriculture, said: "We very much welcome companies will not drag their heels but anticipate the regulations by complying with them even before they have been implemented." But the food companies

indicated yesterday that they would continue to resist full exposure on the grounds that relabelling sacks every time they would be disclosing would be difficult if not commercial secrets and that it would push up the price of "We spend about £2 million

a year on research and devon nutritional aspects of our diets," Mr Tim Brigstocke, the ration below that being chief agricultural adviser of BOCM Silcock, the biggest Mr Pat Lake, who buys raw animal feed manufacturer in materials for Bibby, another Britain with about 20 per cent big feed company, said. of the market, said. "Under the proposed new

of our formulations we would be making the results of our flexibility to change the forresearch available to everybody. We think that is unfair." Farm nutrition has become that we have to put up the

formulate feeds to achieve maximum results with the lowest-cost ingredients in a competitive market. Manufacturers say

which computers are used to

ingredients may have to be changed from day to day, even from hour to hour, and impossible.

"The price and quality of raw materials often varv widely. A lot of the skill lies in varying the ingredients in the formula so as to preserve the quality but keep the price of

"By disclosing exact details labelling requirements, we would not have the same mula when the cost of ingredients rises. That could mean regulations adopted by the the new EC regulations. We a sophisticated science in prices of our rations.'

operating in Europe last summer.

Strabane, Co Tyrone, were caught with a

drogue bomb at Strabane in January last

year. Police later found an AK-47 assault

rifle and ammunition hidden in a garden, Belfast Crown Court was told.

on it. Workers at Sellafield were told

about the findings before they left

work yesterday and shop stewards were last night considering their

response. BNFL has said the report

came from a respectable source but it

did not believe it established a link between radioactive discharges from

the plant and childhood leukaemia.

"We welcome research and we

always have welcomed research into

this area but this report finds no

correlation between radioactive dis-

charges and such factors as playing

on the beach, eating local seafood or

walking on the fells, which might

Mackay proposes to widen review over libel awards

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A package of reforms to curb excessive libel awards and other measures to cut delays and costs in libel cases was announced by the Lord Chancellor yesterday.

The main change would give the Court of Appeal

nower to increase or reduce libel damages where it considers these have been excessive or inadequate. Now that can only be done if the parties agree. The only other option at present is for the Court of Appeal to order a new trial. Lord Mackay of Clashfern,

the Lord Chancellor, said the measures were aimed at securng "more appropriate awards without reducing the role of the jury". The reforms come in the

wake of increasingly large libel awards, culminating before Christmas with that of £1.5 million in the libel action brought by Lord Aldington against Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts.

Lord Mackay said yesterday: "The Government has During a bail application in the case last examined the current issues and complaints relating to the year, Det Inspector Kevin Carty, of the law of defamation and has Irish police, described Mr Hardy and found that there are justified Miss Maguire as part of an IRA unit critícisms," Two men "seduced by the false glamour of the IRA" were jailed for 18 years yesterday. Gerry Forbes, aged 21, and Gary Breslin, aged 22, both from

The package, contained in Government to the Courts could be simplified.

and Legal Services Bill, stems from a review set up by the Lord Chancellor last May. The main reforms propose

greater powers for the Court of Appeal to increase or reduce libel damages where an award goes up to that court on appeal. At present, Lord Mackay said, the Court of Appeal had inadequate powers of review in such cases. "Even if the Court of Ap-

peal considers that a jury award is excessive or inadequate it can only substitute its own award if both parties Otherwise, he said, "the

court was limited to ordering a new trial, involving further delay and expense to the parties." He emphasized that the role of the jury would not be changed. In a second reform, the rules

for pleadings, the written preparation of arguments in libel cases, are to be reviewed by the Supreme Court procedure committee. Those rules have been criticized as complex.

In a third move, Lord Mackay said he wanted to consider whether some categories of libel case should be heard in the county court. The an amendment tabled by the first step was to see if the rules

Police début fo

Prosecution costs doubled under CPS

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

The costs of criminal prosecutions have almost doubled since the Crown Prosecution than two-and-a-half years Service took over handling court cases from the police.

The findings of the Commons public accounts com-mittee yesterday follow severe criticism of the CPS, set up in 1986, and given to MPs as part of the Commons home affairs committee's investigation. The cross-party PAC re-

ported that the service cost £134 million in 1987/88 compared to a previous budget for prosecutions of £70 million.

Originally the Home Office estimated that setting up the CPS would require 2,500 staff and release 600 police officers for other duties. But staffing needs had risen to 4,829 and the saving in police time has been much less than expected, although the PAC found it difficult to estimate.

after becoming operational, the service had not fully met the initial objectives set by the Government, mainly because it still did not have enough staff," the report said.

It singles out the use of agent lawyers to fill the gaps left by severe staff shortages as the main cause of higher costs. Last year £7.4 million had to be spent on employing agents.

The PAC backed up criticism from the police about the number of court cases dropped by the CPS but found wide variations. For instance, 13.4 per cent of prosecution proceedings were discontinued in West Yorkshire compared with only 2.4 per cent in Nottinghamshire.

suggesting that defective genes transferred at conception from the not yet had a chance to discover the reflect differences in exposure to details. Some wondered if it was "yet radioactivity. father's sperm could be at the root of another scare" and that such stories "It seems to be saying the main exaggerated the numbers involved. danger is from the people but only 10 One woman said there were Gemma is the third child at St of the 74 children involved over a 36-14,000 people working at the plant and that thousands more depended Patrick's Infant School in Cleator year period were children whose Moor to contract cancer in the past fathers worked at Sellafield."

year a second daughter the D'Arcy family hoped could provide bone

The D'Arcys have joined the legal

action against BNFL although Mr D'Arcy admitted it felt like biting the hand that fed them. He said his

work with a contractor at the nuclear plant had put him in "active"

radiation areas for two years. There

was no option to working at Seliafield. "If I didn't go there we

Other parents in Seascale ques-

tioned about the report said they had

would not eat," he said.

marrow for Gemma was stillborn.

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Wapping violence

Police chiefs reject criticisms over handling of protest

Scotland Yard yesterday admitted mistakes were made in policing a mass demonstration at New International's Wapping plant three years ago, but rejected a number of key criticisms in a report by Northamptonshire police.

The report found that the police chain of command broke down; officers in charge of mounted police saw their orders changed by a deputy assistant commissioner, and there was "indiscriminate" use of truncheons.

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But the report, a summary of which was published by the Police Complaints Authority yesterday, added that only a very small number of the 1,400 officers on duty behaved badly, and a "hard core" of protesters was intent on violent confrontation with po-lice when 12,000 demonstrators gathered to mark the first anniversary of the Wapping dispute on January 24, 1987.

The summary says the demonstration was twice the size expected. It included family groups and had started good-humouredly, but the mood changed as the mile-

long march reached Wapping A lorry was overturned, and in just 33 seconds more than 200 pieces of concrete and broken paving stone flew at police lines. A severed pig's head wearing a policeman's helmet was impaled on the railings outside the News International plant near the police cordon, and at the end of the night, more than three tons of missiles - including cast-iron railings, scaffolding

ings and bottles - were collected. One hundred and ninety-four policemen and 99 other people were injured.

The summary published yesterday says: "It is a matter of conjecture whether the violence was spontaneous or orchestrated and planned". but it notes that speakers on a platform near by refused to urge demonstrators not to throw missiles.

While praising police efforts, the summary criticizes breaches in the command structure, training, and failure to use intelligence correctly. It says that at one stage the top management collapsed as Deputy Assistant Commissioner Wynn Jones, who was not on the scene, intervened to stop horses being used.

It also says that one central officer was isolated without an overall view. "The command structure and its support mechanism established to police the demonstration contained weaknesses which from the outbreak of disorder inevitably manifested them-selves in such a way that no person could be considered to be in effective command of

the operation as a whole." Some units lacked experience, manpower and equipment yet acted professionally and with discipline in spite of extreme provocation; but a number of public order units used their truncheons indiscriminately without apparent control or supervision, the summary says.

Mr Jones disputed the report's version of events yesviolence against police officers by a substantial minority of

He had been working in his office that night and had made clear to the officer in charge at Wapping that he would be available if necessary. As things got worse, he told the officer on the ground he was coming to Wapping. On the way, he heard of the possible use of horses and stopped it until he could assess the situation. He took over control and the horses were used

He also disputed the sugges-tion that many senior officers had not received public order

Mr Jones was joined in his criticisms by Assistant Com-missioner Peter Winship, in overall charge of the Yard's complaints system, who said: There were mistakes made that night. The majority of officers maintained discipline and acted in a wholly professional manner against an unrelenting kind of hostility and violence. Mr Winship said the Yard

accepted recommendations covering such areas as better identification plates for po-licemen and ways of effectively warning the public of the use of horses, but would not accept that police had used nately, and "profoundly challenged" other criticisms.

During the inquiry into the

handling of the demonstration, 114 officers were interviewed and more than 30 charged. Their cases have been adjourned pending an THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16 1990 الأصل الأصل المادة الما Honours for military family £4,000 prize-winner



after Colonel Owens was invested with the terday, saying it failed to been adjourned pending an insignia of the CBE and his daughter with that identify many incidents of appeal to the House of Lords. of the MBE. Colonel Owens was bonoured for

ment. Captain Owens, aged 26, led an advance Prince of Wales. The boxer Frank Bruno

Times Portfolio Platinum competition, Mr Peter Huish, was taking his £4,000 windfall in his stride

vesterday. "I'm in my seventies now so I have to take things a little easy," he said.

"I've read The Times for ears, but I'm not a habitual checker of the Portfolio numbers. But when I did this time they just clicked. I'm very grateful to have won."

Mr Huish retired from his post as the superintendent of several years ago and now lives quietly with his wife at nearby Newton Ferrers.

plans for a celebration or a spending spree. "I think it will be invested for the



Mr Huish: "I am very grateful to have won.

two grandchildren getting married in the next six months, so I suspect some of

New 'charge cap' warning on high poll tax

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

amplified its warning to local authorities that it would "charge cap" those setting excessive community charge levels amid alarm that many will set a figure above Department of the Environment recommendations.

A series of ministerial statements on charge capping was seen at Westminster as an attempt to put pressure on local authorities, particularly the shire counties, to moderate spending proposals be-fore budgets are set next

Ministers said they would ct against councils of any political persuasion whose budgets resulted in an excessive community charge.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on the environment, said the Government's action showed how badly it had miscalculated its own assessment of what local authorities had to spend.

He said: "The Government's poll tax chickens are coming home to roost with a vengeance. The reality is that in order to maintain services, the majority of authorities, including many Tory councils, will fix the poll tax at levels way above government

He said: "Charge capping is very bad news for poll tax payers. Not only is it an admission that their bills are going to be much higher. In addition to this, they will also

predictions."

As the opposition accused

the Government of "bullying" local authorities, the Prime Minister led the assault on high-spending local authorities. She told MPs there was no justification in Lancashire County Council's proposed budget which was the equivalent of a 30 per cent rates rise.

Mrs Thatcher said: "The Secretary of State for the Environment has made it perfectly clear that if authorities continue to spend excessively we will not besitate to cap them."

The shire authorities must set their projected budgets by March 1 with district and metropolitan councils having a deadline of March 11.

In an effort to influence both Conservative and Labour authorities which are at present finalizing their budgets for the forthcoming year, Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government, said: "Whatever the political complexion we shall not hesitate

to act if we need to." He said: "If some of the horrendously high figures which are being bandied about at present do result in excessive budgets being set, which would in turn result in excessive community charging, we shall not hesitate to cap authorities."

Mr Hunt said he hoped that councils considering excessive levels of spending would rein back on their plans.

Sir Geoffrey Ho leader of the House, said local authorities which budgeted prudently and sensibly had

Daughter tells how she tried to stop MP's suicide Burchill said that, after extensive pressure of work. Mr Heddle saw escape from the conclusion that the

By David Sapsted

Mr John Heddle's daughter tried to persuade the MP not to kill himself three days before his body was found in his fume-filled Jaguar at a Kent chalkpit, an inquest was told

Mr Heddle, Conservative MP for Mid-Staffordshire, had a history of depression stretching back to the early 1970s and had attempted suicide before, Miss Caroline Hed-

dle told the inquest in Canterbury. Miss Heddle, a veterinary surgeon and the eldest of four children from the MP's first marriage, said her father had been particularly depressed since last September because of financial problems and

Move to post

at the Yard

Miss Marcia Barton, aged 46,

who today clears her desk as a

senior local government pay negotiator in Belgrave Square,

London, to become general secretary to the Association of

Chief Police Officers,

representing Britain's top policemen, at Scotland Yard.

The association, which covers

ranks from assistant chief

constable upwards, has only three women among its 280

his daughter on the Friday evening before his death on December 19. He was "very depressed, very down", she told Mr Richard Sturt, the East Kent coroner.

"He said he had been through bad times before but he couldn't see any way out this time. He said sometimes suicide was the only way out. I told him that suicide wasn't the answer... wasn't the solution to the problem," Miss Heddle said.

Mr Heddle was found in his blue XJS Jaguar little more than 72 hours the exhaust and into the car through the passenger window.

On his lap were a handwritten

National's Cambridge branch,

ceived two letters and two

telephone calls from bor-

It was not a dramatic res-

ponse to the increase in mort-

gage interest rates to a record 15.4 per cent, but the man-

ager, Mr Neville Oakes, said,

"a lot of our borrowers have a

sense of the inevitable. The

effects will only come when

they receive their monthly

Mr Oakes and his colleagues

in other branches are operat-

ing the equivalent of a hot-line

for customers. "If the diffi-

culty is about the mortgage

rowers asking for help.

note, his youngest son's school report, a black and white photograph and a card addressed to Pansy". A towel had been used to plug the gap in the car window around the bose.

The inquest was told that Mr Heddle, aged 48, whose address was given as Belgravia, west London, would have been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes within three minutes of the pipe being

His car was spotted in the early morning at the chalkpit close to and he was declared dead on arrival at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Det Chief Inspector David

Mortgage interest rise

Borrowers wait for the inevitable

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

a borrower says he could pay lems. "We have expert

"We will do everything we help," a spokesman said.

The usual temporary sol-

ution is to allow the borrower

to pay what he or she can, and

make up the difference later.

The Abbey National is not

keen on lengthening the repay-

ment period. Nor does it like

the idea of taking the property

into possession and then rent-

ing it out to the former

borrower. "That tends to pro-

● A London homeowner

whose £100,000 property was the housing slump meant they

the subject of a court order for could not sell their homes.

possession was allowed to Some had been separated

long the problem," it said.

Abbey National is advising keep it after a hearing at West more than a year.

By late afternoon yesterday, payment only, then I will ask borrowers to contact the com-the manager of the Abbey what payment can be made. If pany immediately about prob-

where many people have £400 but not £450, then he counsellors in each branch,

taken out large mortgages in the past two years, had refor a period.

would be allowed to do that and each branch manager has discretion about how it offers

can to keep him as a customer.

Possession of a house because

of arrears is the very last

resort, and I would go tap dancing on a coffee table if

Mr Oakes said the March

1988 budget, which gave people until August to take

advantage of multiple tax relief, had encouraged them to

borrow to the limit. "Since

then, salaries have increased

by perhaps 20 per cent, while

mortgage payments have gone

up by 50 to 60 per cent."

that was a way to avoid it."

inquiries, he was "completely satisfied" no other person had been involved in the MP's death. Miss Heddle said although the

threat of prosecution in Spain had been hanging over her father since an altercation with a traffic policeman there last summer, she did not consider it sufficient reason, in itself, for him to have committed suicide.

Her father had received treatment for depression and Miss Heddle said her mother, who died in had tried once before to kill himself, although she did not know how.

The coroner said there was no

London County Court vesterday. His monthly repayments

had soared to £1,200 a month

after a rise in his mortgage

interest rate from 10 per cent

to 15 per cent. The court, held

in camera, allowed him to

continue payments on the

Mr John Evans, head of the

Devon and Cornwall force, is

to ask a police authority

finance committee meeting in

Truro, Cornwall for a reloca-

tion package to be made

Thirty-five officers trans-

ferred to other stations after

promotion were living apart

from their families because

available for police officers.

same terms as at present.

MP had taken his own life. "The community has lost a very great public servant. This was a man who had given so much, and who still had so much more to give," Mr

Mr Heddle had been MP for Mid-Staffordshire since 1979 and was a former chairman of the Conservatives' parliamentary environment committee. His business interests included being an underwriting member of Lloyds and a consultant SULVEYOR.

The by-election in his constituency will take place next month. suffer cuts in services and He had a majority of 14,650 at the massive job losses." last general election.

Guinness trial embarks on its third fresh beginning

Protagonists in the Guinness case gather this morning at Southwark Crown Court, south London, in the hope Putney, west London; Mr sworn in from a reserve panel, Gerald Ronson, 50, from the indictment was read again to the jury, and the prosecut-chairman of Heron Intering counsel, Mr John Chad-Southwark Crown Court, south London, in the hope that the trial will get under way after two false starts this

Success hinges on selecting 12 jurors from a panel of 25 people who assured Mr Justice Henry that they had the stamina to last the six months the trial could run.

In the trial Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of the Guinness brewing group, and three leading City figures face 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising from the Guinness takeover of Distillers in 1986.

Mr Saunders, aged 54, of

national; Mr Anthony Parnes, 44, of London, a City stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, 74, of Kensington, London, a financier and arts

patron, deny the charges. They are alleged to have undertaken an illegal share support operation to ensure the success of the Distillers take-over.

The first attempt to open the case, on Monday, foundered when two jurors who had originally said they could serve returned on Tuesday to say that business and domes-tic commitments meant they could not continue.

Two more people were

roda was discovered in the late

15th century, and belonged for

300 years to the Gackwars of

Baroda - princes of one of

India's longest standing and most powerful families. In the

late 18th century, they gave it to the Habsburgs, who then

gave it back it early this

fiscated by the Japanese, but

then mysteriously appeared

on the market. The man who

In the last war, it was con-

wick, QC, began his opening.

On Wednesday, as he was about to continue laying out the case, a third juror said that the threat of a recurrent migraine must force her to stand down. A fourth was said to be under pressure over her absence from work for so long.

After consulting counsel, the judge discharged the jury and ordered the selection of a new panel. The need to have a big enough pool of potential jurors meant the cancellation of all new trials at the Central Criminal Court that day.

The 25 selected were given yesterday off to sort out

Police début for lightweight rifle

veiled a lightweight rifle yesterday, with which they tend to fight armed criminals in the 1990s.

Assistant Chief Constable Hugo Pike, of Avon and merset police, the first force to issue the gun, said: "It is a fearsome weapon — any criminal looking down the wrong end will realize it's time to call it a day." Police chiefs throughout

Britain are waiting for results from Avon and Somerset, before adopting the sophisticated Steyr siege-gun. The short-barrel, 9mm single-shot, semi-antomatic rifle, made from the latest plastics and adapted from a battlefield gun, can be carried in one hand. The rifle is sufficiently ac-

curate and powerful to knock down a man from 100 yards away. Police chiefs believe the iethal Austrian-made weapon, which costs £600 with 2 telescopic sight, would bring a quick conclusion to any massacre like that in

demonstrated its capabilities and light I could carry it inside yesterday, said: "It is an my jacket." excellent weapon which will certainly make a lot of police-



Police Sergeant Bob Moseley puts the lightweight 9mm Steyr carbine rifle through its paces.

face-to-face with an armed tions involving armed attack-man but sadly we are facing criminal. It is perfect for use in ers in the past month, more and more situations Sergeant Bob Moseley, a containing and dealing with although it was not used.

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Mr Pike said: "It is so small be possible to the past most many and policie firearms expert who

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Avon and Somerset police will be watching our experihave already taken the weapon ence with it. We believe in the velocity long-range rifle.

men feel safer when they are with them on two tense opera- concept of the marmed policewhere weapons have to be brought into use for our safety state-of-the-art weapon and and that of the public."

art market and the museum world at the announcement yesterday that Manchester Art Market City Art Galleries is to be used Correspondent by Sotheby's as a showcase for a group of 15 Victorian paint-

ngs put on sale by the British Rail Pension Fund. The works include the important painting "Dente in Exile" by Lord Leighton, esti-mated at £700,000, and "Pan-"spin-offs" for the gallery. dora" by John William Waterhouse at £200,000.

Another highlight is "Atalanta's Race" by Richard Dadd, painted in 1875 while he was in Broadmoor prison for murdering his father. It is sale on April 25. It is estiestimated at between £100,000 to £150,000. The group is expected to fetch between £1.5 and £2.5 million in

total at auction on June 19. "How dare Manchester be used in that way. People will see the price tags, not the art," one dealer said. "Traditional art galleries have never exhibited anything for the purpose of selling, and they never should do," a museum direc-

tor said. However, Mr Richard Gray, the gallery's new director, said: "We have got financial problems in Manchester and I am trying to encourage

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland

people who don't normally use the building to use it more." He said Sotheby's proposed exhibition seemed of high quality and he hoped it would result in financial

The diamond Marilyn Monroe wore for the promotion of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes is an attraction at Christie's New York jewellery

lent it to Marilyn was Meyer Rosenbaum, president of the Meyer jewellery company in Sale of historic aircraft

Gallery doubles as Sotheby showcase

(£75,000).

century.

A Russian MiG 21 went on show yesterday as Christie's launched an aeronautical department. The first sale will be on April 28 (John Shaw writes). The aircraft is owned by Mr Mike Woodley, proprietor of Aces High, a company based at North Weald, Essex, which supplies historic aircraft to the film and television industry. "This is a PF version built in the Sixties." he said. "It is rugged, fast and believed to be the only one of its kind ever to actually come into this country." The fighter will be million, is now the pride and sold at the Imperial War Museum, Dexford, near Cambridge, joy of the Yasuda fire infor more than £100,000. Between 25 and 35 aircraft will be on offer. They include a De Havilland Sea Vixen, donated for sale in aid of the BBC Children in Need appeal; a Hawker Fury, forerunner of the Hurricane, which has been rebuilt (estimated to fetch £200,000); an original SESa, an earlier generation of arrangement whereby the fighter built in 1922 (estimated at £300,000); and the 1929 family is allowed to waive £3.8 Gipsy Moth biplane which appeared in Out of Africa.

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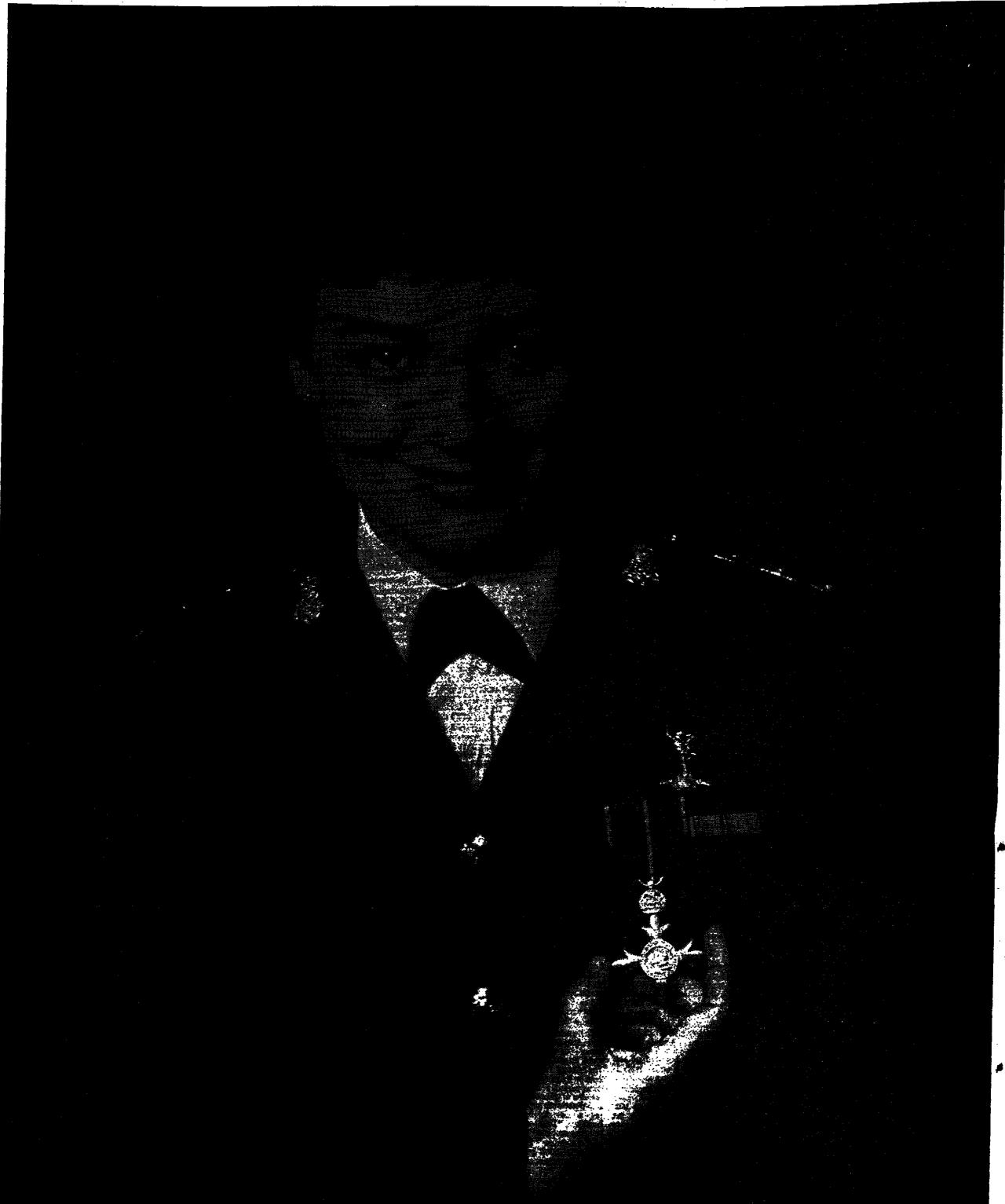
mated at up to \$120,000 Detroit, who bought it in the The 24-carat Moon of Ba-

1950s. The present owner remains anonymous. Christie's achieved three outstanding records for Spanish paintings yesterday, al-though the failure rate of their Spanish sale was 40 per cent. A painting of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris by Ulpiano

Checa y Sanz caused amazement when it fetched £385,000 (estimate £60,000 to £80,000). José Gallegos y Arnosa's church interior, entitled "Choir practice", broke the for £187,000. The third record was £132,000 for "The recital" by Salvador Sanchez

Barbudo. ● The two great paintings from Sir Alfred Chester Beatty's estate — "Sunflowers" by Van Gogh and "Avenue at Chantilly", by Cézanne were at opposite ends of the world vesterday.

The former, sold at Christie's three years ago for £24 surance company in Tokyo, while the latter has been acquired by the National Gallery in London after a tax



After six months in Namibia, it's back home for a spot of decorating.

At the age of 26, Capt Pippa Owens is leader of 80 men, and holder of an MBE.

She says as much for a woman's opportunities in the Army as any careers blurb ever could.

In August 1987, she passed out of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

Less than 18 months later, she was winging her way to Namibia, as Troop Commander of the advance party of 30th Signal Regiment.

Their job was to set up a radio network across an area the size of Western Europe, making sure the U.N. contingents there could communicate swiftly and efficiently.

It was a tough and demanding job. And not all the challenges faced were technical.

Living conditions were basic, the environment often hostile.

Despite all obstacles, Capt Owens excelled. Or, to put it officially, she performed 'above and beyond

In recognition of her efforts, she has been awarded the MBE.

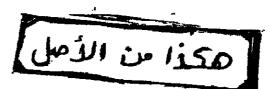
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Green Paper on probation service proposes radical changes 'to produce results'

Patten seeks national body with accent on control

Main options for centrally run system

sector or voluntary agencies, such as running of bail hostels and work with

• Greater Home Office control over

• Better links between the probation

senior probation appointments;

as management boards;

tory footing;

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Plans for the first national effective than running them care and control, but with far probation service for England themselves. The reform is more control being exercised and Wales were outlined in a simed at ensuring the probathan now." Green Paper yesterday. It tion service implements the heralds the biggest shake-up in Government's new criminal the work and organization of the service since it was founded in 1907.

The Home Office proposals State for Home Affairs, said would create a national organization, bringing the locally based 15,000-member service under central government control and making it more closely

At the same time there would be a radical shift in the style of work of probation officers. They would be required to take a more rigorous role in supervising sentences imposed by the courts.

The Green Paper also paves the way for contracting out much of the traditional work of the service to voluntary bodies and the private sector. Such work might include running of bail hostels, conciliation work in the civil courts, working with prisoners before and after release or the running of community service

Probation officers would in effect, become managers of a range of services, contracting model, a thoroughly modern more emphasis on supervision and out and "purchasing" others where to do so was more cost-

justice strategy, unveiled in the White Paper last week. Mr John Patten, Minister of yesterday: "If the White Paper proposals go through, we will see more people being pun-ished in the community and when they do come out, being supervised at a greater level of

intensity. The role of the probation service, in carrying out those functions was therefore criti-cal, he said. "It is essential the probation service should be reorganized so that it delivers what the White Paper requires

The probation service, which costs £241 million, will get an extra £20 million to carry out the task. In return, it is expected to "produce

Mr Patten emphasized there The main proposals in the Green Paper, were no plans to dismantle the on which comments are invited by June service. Since 1907, it had 30, are: grown "like Topsy" and was A new, national centrally run probaenvisaged to continue to grow tion service for England and Wales with substantially in the 1990s. bstantially in the 1990s.

"What we need is a new OA new role for probation officers, with

probation officer for the mans 1990s, who will still be mixing • Contracting out of work to private

Mr Patten rejected the notion that some probation officers would be unwilling, or even unable, to take on that new role geared to supervising penalties and to management.

"They will see this as an enormous opportunity to move centre stage, to grow in numbers and become more important to the criminal justice system. I do not believe they will turn down that

The Green Paper central proposal for a new national probation service could be lish an executive agency, as done in two ways, it says: has been proposed for the either by creating a national running of the magistrates' probation service within the courts. The present local Home Office, with a director structure is a product of

ent of services;

new or widened roads would

be added over the next 10

years and spending would be

The proposals have been

attacked by several environmental pressure groups, but the trust's opposition is likely

It is, however, likely to help

doubled to £12 billion.



Mr Patten: "An opportunity to move centre stage."

and achieve greater consis- penalty. tency of standards.

At the same time, the which the Government pays might be replaced with 100 per cent central government fund-That might be paid direct to probation committees.

Mr Patten said that until monitoring was recently introduced, there were widely varying practices between different probation areas, which had led to charges of the service being a "soft touch" in parts of the country.

In some areas, it had been as

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On contracting out services, which will be the subject present funding system in of a separate paper to be issued shortly, the Green 80 per cent of the funds Paper highlights six areas where that could be done: cautioning and charging policies; bail hostels - in Mr ing, subject to cash limits. Patten's words - "running a supervised hotel service; supervision programmes; work with prisoners; work with victims and work in the civil courts.

> The independent sector of voluntary and private-sector bodies should be more involved in work with offenders in the community, it says.

There is a core of probation long as six weeks after a court work that should always be had imposed a community done by professionaly qualiwork that should always be

• New default powers for the Home Secretary to replace a probation com-

mittee which does not discharge its

Abolition of the requirement that

probation officers must have social work

• Merging of the smaller of the 56

service would ensure a more service order before the of-direct and flexible funding fender started work, which work where "if the indepen-suggests merging smaller prosystem; be more accountable blunted the impact of the dent sector can provide the bation areas to provide stronnecessary services at a germanagement. The existing competitive price, there is a clear case for probation areas to purchase the services in more like boards of manquestion, rather than provide them in-house".

Some of the work might be contracted out directly by the Government, either nationally or locally.

"If there was evidence of poor-quality schemes being run by a probation service then the Government might contract with an organization to provide community service schemes in a particular area and that organization would be the designated provider."

The White Paper last week proposed that electronic monitoring, "tagging", could be done by a separate organization from the probation service. Other examples are the community service schemes, probation centres, or help and advice to prisoners.

Any private or voluntary body contracted to provide a service would be subject to new national standards pro-posed in the recent White Paper for supervising offenders and service to the courts. Such contracting out would be subject to national standards.

suggests merging smaller proprobation committees could be reduced to make them

prove links with the judiciary, probation committees could be required to have a circuit judge as a member. Alternatively, a nominated judge might be given oversight of different aspects of probation

The proposals would be backed by tougher powers for the Home Secretary and the Inspectorate of Probation, the Green Paper recommends.

If committees failed to ensure services were up to standard, or even refused to carry out supervision as required, the Home Secretary could declare a committee to be in "default" and appoint new members.

There is also "a clear case" for putting the inspectorate on a statutory footing to strengthen its role and make clear that its main duty is to inspect the probation services and report back.

Transport policy

National Trust fights road-building plans

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

year reached a record mem-bership of 1,860,000, is to oppose the Government's £12 1989. billion road-building

It will make its position clear in its submission to the forthcoming environment White Paper, invited by Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The trust's opposition reesents an unprecedented flexing of political muscle, as the membership is largely made up of natural Conservative voters and far exceeds that of any trade union.

The decision was angunced yesterday by Dame The Government set out its lennifer Jenkins, the trust's huge roads programme last

The National Trust, which last chairman, and Mr Angus Stir- May in the Roads for Prosperling, its director-general, at the ity transport White Paper. It launch of its annual report for announced that 2,700 miles of

> Dame Jennifer said its submission to Mr Patten would comment on transport and road-building policies. "We shall be drawing attention to the threats posed by new road-building schemes to important archaeological sites, land- to be more unwelcome to Mr scapes and gardens," she said. Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary

constituted the biggest threat to the trust, in particular "a combination of prospective trunk roads going in all directions accompanied by a num-

Post nominations early for conservation prize

for the 1990 Environment Award sponsored by The Times and BBC Radio Four's evening news programme PM, which will provide £5,000 for the best contribution to the mprovement of the environment by an individual or group in Britain (Our Environme Correspondent writes).

Last year a considerable. mber of entries were disnalified by late arrival, so people entering are advised to post early. The closing date is

be of not more than 250 words, typewritten if possible, should be sent to: The Times/PM Environment Award, PO Box 486, 1, Pennington Street, road - can be heard on PM on the Transport and General Landon El 9XN. People may Radio Four on Monday eve-

crowded, have almost no refreshment facilities

today in the New Law Journal shows.

and, at best, basic toilets, a survey published

In most courts, prosecution and defence

witnesses share the same waiting area and can

overhear each other's conversations. The

survey concludes that there has been little

"Most of the courts are housed in old,

intimidating buildings which are difficult to keep clean," it says. "At best, toilets are basic,

refreshment facilities are practically non-

existent and most courts have signs up

Mariborough Street has no public toilets; at

Bow Street they are "very basic" with "filthy towels"; at Greenwich, 10 cells share one sink

banning food and drink from the premises."

change since a similar survey 21 years ago.



able) will help, and a daytime £90 million. telephone number for the The me telephone number for the The membership of people nominated is essential. 1,860,000, which it is thought • An account of a conservation will grow to more than two

Courts in dock for squalor

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

London's magistrates' courts are dirty, through grilles; Highbury Corner smells of urine; and at Marylebone, prisoners in custody

of State for Transport. New roads, she said, now Mr Patten in the forthcoming Cabinet battle to make transport policy an acceptable element of the environment

White Paper, due to be published in September. Dame Jennifer and Mr Stirling particularly criticized the Government's decision, aned in Da drive a four-lane dual carriageway through the down-land on top of the White Cliffs

of Dover. The significance of the trust's opposition to transport policy was underlined by the annual report's membership and income figures.

The National Trust received 338,000 new members in 1989; that increase is more than the membership of any other conservation group in Britain apart from the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Royal Society for the Protec-tion of Birds. Its income was

1,300,000 members.

Baby of eight months gets first cuddle

statutory duty;

qualification; and



Azzopardi is still waiting for his first kiss from his mother, but yesterday he got a caddle from his father. For until now, a caddle or kiss could have killed him: he

able to the slightest infection. However, pioneering work by Dr Graham Watson at Newcastle upon Tyne General Hos-pital means that Edward can leave

ne system that made him vulner- Malta. He received a bone marrow transplant from his father Joe, aged 34. Dr Watson did not live to see the success of his work: he died in a climbin accident last year. Mr Azzopardi said hospital and fly home to his mother in last night: "I owe my son's life to him."

Furniture industry told to do better

Trading.

The Government's consumer watchdog said half the furniture and carpets bought in Britain gave problems, particularly over quality, delivery delays, lack of informa-tion and lack of schemes to protect pre-delivery deposits.

Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Director-General of Fair Trading, said he had given leading retailers and manufacturers six months to act on the OFT report. He ordered the furniture and carpets.

depressing picture. Quite frankly, it is just not good enough. I will expect to find signs of positive progress." A survey of almost 1,000'

year furniture and carpet in- problems with 69 per cent of practice for the furniture self-assembly furniture bought tomers a better deal or face in the past 12 months, togethlegal curbs was given yes- er with 59 per cent of unholst- Retail Furnishers, was not terday by the Office of Fair ered furniture, 57 per cent of being obeyed by many shops, carpets, 51 per cent of cabinets the report said. and 45 per cent of beds.

Uphoistered furniture topall purchases within five years. Early signs of wear caused most difficulties. The most

It went on: "If the industry can not, or will not, improve ped the list of complaints with the situation of its own vo-quality problems in a third of lition, the Office of Fair Trading will have no option but to consider whether leg-

trade, introduced in 1978 by

the National Association of

islation is appropriate," common problem with car-pets was the fitting, but there tion scheme — The lack of a deposit protec-

were also complaints about peated requests from the

Chainsaw 'not safe'

report after a 1986 survey A chainsaw, the Black and Decker DN402, has no chainbrake showed that only cars and and should be taken off the market on safety grounds, the household appliances at- Consumers Association says today in its magazine Gardening tracted more complaints than from Which? (Paul Wilkinson writes).

"Every chainsaw should have a chainbrake which stops the Sir Gordon said: "It is still a chain automatically if it starts to 'kickback'. The most serious chainsaw accidents, sometimes fatal, are caused by kickback, the magazine says. When Which? tested chainsaws in 1988 it criticized models with no brake. "One famous name, the DN402, had no chainbrake and was still on sale as this edition

A warning that the £5 billion a people found there had been uneven colouring. A code of Office" - was singled out for special criticism.

> The OFT has been told that such a scheme would be Retail Furnishers, was not impractical because of the prohibitive cost of operating it, but refuses to accept this and urges the associations to re-examine the matter. On the industry-wide prob-

lem of delivery delays, the report said that while individual makers could help counter problems, "retailers are not totally without blame in raising consumers' expectations". Both manufacturers and retailers often provided little information to buyers and, in

some cases, makers' details were removed by the shops. The report added that shoppers were not always blameless. Some were told a piece of furniture was not suitable for them, but went ahead and bought it — only to complain

Furniture and Carpets (Director General of Fair Trading, Chan-cery House, Chancery Lane, London WC2A ISP, no charge)

Supervision and Punishment in the Community: A Framework for Action (Command Paper No 996, Stationery Office; £6.20) Under the proposed reor-**Domestic** staff at 3

lose jobs More than 100 domestic staff at three hospitals in Notjobs because their work is to be put out to tender.

hospitals

The announcement by the Central Nottinghamshire Health Authority will affect 104 workers at the Victoria and Forest hospitals, Mansfield, and Newstead hospital,

Mr Paul Bowskill, the Nupe area secretary, said the union would try to persuade the health authority to change its mind but he thought the request stood only a slim chance. The contract had been awarded to Mediguard and there are to be discussions to see if staff can be offered jobs.

Raid hostages

A policeman and two members of the public were taken hostage after a raid on a mail Lancashire, yesterday. The two raiders were caught after a chase on the M65 and their hostages released.

Assault charge Four officers from Armley prison, Leeds, appeared in court yesterday accused of assaulting inmates and perverting the course of justice. They were granted unconditional bail until April 2.

Welsh orders

A Welsh trade mission to Saudi Arabia led by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, has secured orders worth £7 million.

Wool record

Export earnings of the Yorkshire-based wool textile industry totalled a record £673 million last year, almost 10 per cent higher than the previous best in 1988.

Salmon stock

More than 6,000 young salmon are to be introduced into the Torridge in north Devon to replace stocks killed

Two remanded

Liam O'Dhuibhir, aged 28, of Dublin, and Damien Mc-Comb, 22, of Belfast, charged with conspiracy to cause an explosion, were further remanded in custody until March 1 at Lambeth Mag-

istrates' Court yesterday. Sent for trial

John Keith Jones, aged 29, of Llandudno, Gwynedd, was sent for Crown Court trial yesterday accused of the murder of his father, Ivor, aged 68, and mother, Rowenna.

and toilet and conversation takes place rooms nor phones. Police failure to enforce speed limits 'is flouting law'

Mr John Hesking, the chairman of the Magistrates' Association, has accused the police of "bringing the law into disrepute" over their failure to

crack down on speeding motorists. Mr Hosking criticized a police recommendation that the motorway speed limit should be raised from 70 mph to 80 mph, and that motorists driving at up to 85 mph should not be prosecuted but given verbal warnings.

He said: "We are amazed at the naivety of the police in proposing this, and we were flabbergasted when they let it be known that they would be malikely to prosecute a motorist for driving below 85 mph on the motorway. "It brings the law into disrepute.
We do not agree with them about increasing the speed limit to 80mph

anyway. Human nature being what it with verbal warnings at speeds of up is, everybody would then do 95."

are held in cells with iron bars.

At Old Street facilities are significantly

worse than 21 years ago. There are no interview rooms, toilets are filthy with no

paper and the ladies' is down a perilous flight

of stairs; general hygiene is low and cells are

The only court which comes out well is

The survey concludes that if this is a sign of

things to come, it is "good news". But it warns:
"It may go the way of Camberwell, where there

were plans for six advocates' phones and four

consultation rooms," but there are neither

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

Thames; the new court in Bow Road, the survey says, is "a breath of fresh air", with bright clean toilets and four interview rooms.

Mr Hosking, whose organization represents 26,000 lay magistrates in England and Wales, made his com-ments in an interview with the magazine Autocar & Motor. However. the police diverge from the courts in their attitude to speeding offences.

The police have been finding it more difficult to cope with the numbers of motorists driving at over the legal limits. There were more than 170,000 prosecutions for speeding in 1987, the last year for which there are records, and 284,000 fixed penalty notices

The Association of Chief Police Officers issued guidelines to forces way this criticism is put. Having a saying that motorists should be let off speed limit which people disregard is

to 85mph on motorways, providing they were driving safely.

Mr Peter Joslin, chairman of the association's traffic committee and chief constable of the Warwickshire force, defeaded its stance yesterday, saying it was "sensible policing" at a time when many drivers were exceeding speed limits on motorways. The speed limit introduced in the

1960s needed to be apdated to take account of the better roads and safer cars today. Raising the limit could also help avoid "bunching" of cars, which often leads to crashes. Referring to Mr Hosking's comments. Mr Joslin said: "I resent the bringing a law into disrepute. What we are trying to do is to deal with the realities of how drivers behave. "The degree of prosecutions shows

that the police are not disregarding

speeding as an offence, but we have to take a realistic approach." ● A survey of 800 policyholders for the Insurance Service, one of Britain's leading motor insurers, shows that 64 per cent would prefer government investment in better public transport

rather than new roads. Mr Richard Hill, the company's managing director, said: "The message from motorists is loud and clear: encouraging people back on to public transport is more important than encouraging more cars on to the roads by extending the network."



Mr Hosking: Deplores police

More cars sold abroad as home sales falter Production of cars for export production of cars destined

Provisional figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders yesterday showed that production of cars in British factories reflected the depressed home market, falling back 4.8 per cent over January last year, from 110,900 to 105,610.

rose by more than 25 per cent for sale overseas rising 25.6 last month as manufacturers per cent, from just over 23,000 directed efforts away from the to 29,008. Commercial vefaltering home market beset hicle production also fell, by high interest rates (Our from 28,202 to 21,859, a drop Motoring Correspondent of 22.5 per cent. Output for export increased by 3 per cent, from 7,029 to 7,240.

Mr Simon Foster, the director of the SMM&T, said: "The significant rise in production for export is most gratifying and demonstrates the important role which the British motor industry will play during the next decade in That masked a surge of overcoming the nation's balexport orders though, with ance of payments problems."

East Germany hits back at pressure for monetary union

From Anne McElvey, East Berlin, and Ian Murray, Bour

ment yesterday accused Bonn of trying to destabilize the country to force an early currency union, and called on its citizens not to heed rumours "spread from other capitals" that its currency was

At the same time Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, told a rowdy session of the Bundestag that 'unity as soon as possible' must be the goal of the new, democratically elected East German Government after the election set for March 18.

He taunted the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), as he reported on the state of the reunification talks, for being over-familiar with the disgraced regime of Herr Erich Honecker, and confidently spelt out the programme he has drawn up which could reunite Germany by the end of

East Berlin's allegations of destabilization were made by Herr Wolfgang Meyer, the government spokesman, after a meeting of the Cabinet on the unsuccessful appeal by Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister, for financial aid. Herr Meyer said Bonn had shown "no willingness" to help East Germany "in spite of its stated awareness of the need for immediate stabilizing

The Government repeated that it did not consider speedy currency union as proposed by Bonn to be a fitting short-term solution to spiralling eco-nomic problems and insisted that this would result in further instability.

Most East Germans, however, feel that things could be scarcely more unstable. Lack of confidence in the mark has led to a wave of withdrawals from banks and people changing their savings into Western currency on the black market at rates of up to nine marks to one Deutschmark, Queues formed early yesterday with new intensity outside the state banks of East Berlin.

Herr Meyer called on East Germans not to heed the situation," a clear reference to Bonn economists.

The Government, unsure of how to deal with the crisis of confidence, has promised that talks will begin next week on a timetable for currency union and that savings will be pro-tected when this happens. It also announced yesterday that

Herr Kohl rubbed home the message that his tough line with East German communists had succeeded where the "softly-softly" approach of

banking system was under

Soviet warning Ottawa - Mr Eduard Shev-

against what he called a "rapid chess" approach to German remnification (John Best writes). In what appeared to be a reference to recent moves by Herr Helmut Koid, he told Canadian MPs and senators: "Some politicians would like to play a political game of rapid chess with a five-minute time limit. Is this a sensible thing to do when peace and the security of all nations . . . are at stake?"

the Social Democrats had

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SPD leader, confined his main attacks to the Chancellor's refusal before reunification to guarantee Poland's western border. He also was for unity and against neutrality - the main planks of Herr Kohl's platform.

The Chancellor paid tribute to President Gorbachov, whom he said had opened the door to German unity at their meeting in Moscow last weekend. Herr Kohl also thanked the Western allies for standing firmly behind West Germany during the Cold War. West Germany would not fail Nato now, he promised. A united Germany would not become neutral or demilitarized, al-

troops stationed on territories which were once behind the

As what he called "a symbol of the growing trust between the two countries", the Chancellor announced that Mr Gorbachov last weekend had not only accepted the right of Germans to unite but had agreed that a West German had been invited to join a Soviet space flight next year.

Herr Kohl sought to quieten between the two countries would create mass unemploy-ment, send inflation soaring, lash pensions and drain savngs in East Germany.

'No pensioner, no invalid, no unemployed person, no war victim, no social security case needs to fear a cut in benefits," he promised.

After his statement, the Chancellor set off to report on developments to President Mitterrand of France as part of his commitment to keep all of the four victorious Second World War allies informed of what was happening.

Herr Vogel called for the dismissal of Herr Horst Teltschick, the Chancellory who last week claimed that East Germany was on the verge of

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister and hero of the hour, was applauded as the author of the two plus four" formula by which both the Germanies will negotiate unification terms with the four allied powers. He was congratulated for having succeeded in Downing Street the previous day in winning approval for German unity from Mrs

Herr Genscher, trying to move the debate forward to disarmament policy, told the Bundestag that now the Berlin Wall had fallen, the wall of rockets across Europe must also come down.

• Law eased: The East German assembly law forbidding the formation of associations not approved by the authoriwords of "panic mongers who though it would respect the ties is to be abolished, the dramatize and exaggerate the Soviet Union's legitimate sec- Government said yesterday.

Fears grow in France over rush towards unification

As the two Germanies move inexorably towards reunification, France is beginning a reluctant adjustment to the new realities that will in future govern the 30-year bond between Paris and Bonn.

At a working dinner at the Elysée Palace last night. President Mitterrand of France and Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancelior, discussed the broad impact of reunification on their respective national strategies.

Behind the scenes the alarmed with every new move that Herr Kohl makes to

accelerate reunification. Seen from Paris, the consequences of the present rush towards German unity are almost uniformly bleak. Already chafing under what amounts to economic satellite status alongside the West German colossus, France must now contemplate the loss of the international influence it wielded when Bonn followed

its diplomatic lead. Nobody enjoyed the role of Mitterrand; there were times at their meetings, indeed,

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Germany begins to flex its also has a direct interest in the diplomatic muscles. After his consequences. ringing early declaration that "I have no fear of German voy, the Finance Minister, reunification", M Mitterrand - and some of his senior ministers - has been engaged in a sort of diplomatic minuet: one step forward to welcome the new situation, half a step back to warn of the danger of uncontrolled changes.

Again this week he warned in an interview that, although French are becoming more the Germans were masters of their own destiny, the speeding up of reunification must be accompanied by an acceleration of the progress towards European integration.

In M Mitterrand's carefully weighed phrase, a united Germany would still be obliged to respect "certain commitments which bind all of us together", meaning the security of Europe and the balance of power there and the future of

France is directly and intimately concerned with the senior partner more than M changes that unification will bring, he pointed out, adding: "I want the Germans to know that, like the majority of the than the towering Herr Kohl. French people, I send them ily be discarded as no more It has, therefore, been fraternal wishes for the fulfil-than political posturing.

particularly illuminating to ment of their destiny ... but observe his tactics as West whatever form it takes, France ment of their destiny ... but

> Yesterday, M Pierre Bérégowas calling urgently for a summit of EC heads of state to examine the more immediate repercussions of the unification process. While European economies in general, and that of France in particular, stood to gain, he said, the Germans would be obliged to stand by existing obligations to both the Community and Eastern

> Europe. In similar vein, M Roland Dumas, the veteran Foreign Minister, has regretted the issing of a 40-year era of "relative comfort" under the

> existing order. The question now is, can Franco-German relations ever be the same again?

There is acute awareness in government circles here about the risk of being seen to stand aside from, let alone obstruct. progress towards German

In today's passionate circumstances, years of official support from the West for just such an objective cannot easDushanbe protesters call for leaders to quit



diers in Dushanbe, the capital, terday. Tass said about 8,000 nistrators rallied outside the city's Communist Party Central Committee headquarters, calling for the nent's resignation (AP

reports from Moscow). The three

Party First Secretary, the Prime ster and the Pre

But Mr Boris Page, a Soviet nber, explained on local meeting yesterday, to decide whether

Press reports said extremists had shot at the security forces on Wednes-

that on Wednesday pogroms, rapes and looting and mass disorder continned. Tass said some 5,000 men from the Army, Interior Ministry troops and volunteer self-defence forces were guarding official buildings and patrol-

Sparring in the Central Committee

Old Kremlin rivals get back in the ring

Two old adversaries found themselves sparring again at last week's Central Committee meeting. Mr Yegor Ligachov, for the old-style Bolsheviks, was — in the Soviet Union's misleading political geography in the right-hand corner, and Mr Boris Yeltsin, for the radicals, was in the far left.

Unlike the closing day of the special party conference 18 months ago, there was no spectacular confrontation between them, but the strength of their characters showed in their speeches, once again defining the opposite poles of the Soviet Communist Party.

The appeal of Mr Yeltsin can be readily understood. He can understand, without communist jargon; his preoccupations coincide with those of many people across the Soviet Union. He calls for an end to the material benefits enjoyed by the party apparatus, an end to corruption, freedom for all varieties of economic activity and for a genuinely competitive multi-party system.

Even Mr Yeltsin's weaknesses - his readiness to pronounce on anything and everything without further thought, his utter frankness, his "difficult character" and his intransigence - endear him to people for whom compromise in the cause of family and personal survival has become a way of life.

human, others dismissed them as a deliberate attempt Mr Ligachov is less easy to comprehend. His unpopularity, at least in Moscow, runs deep. In the Communist Party and Soviet power centres, however, it is another story.

leaders' estate did him no political harm. Believers of

these reports tended to think

they made him that bit more

Even in the recently estabhished Congress of People's

Deputies - the two-thirdselected body that nevertheless contains many party members

 his speeches attract more applause than anyone else's. Like Mr Yeltsin, he is an accomplished orator, like him he speaks plainly.

But whereas Mr Yeltsin's freedom of speech comes of being an outsider, beholden to no one. Mr Ligachov's stems Even reports of his being from his total commitment to

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ciate of Nicolae Ceausescu.

ranking officers who entered

the building on Monday re-

fused to leave as they pressed

for the implementation of a

list of 13 sweeping demands.

including the removal of Gen-

eral Militaru, aged 65, and of

despised Interior Minister, said to have been implicated

in the killing of unarmed

The defiant military officers

have rejected a compromise

offer by the provisional Gov-

ernment designed to end their

demonstrators in December.

General Mihai Ghitac, the

party to preserve what he sees as its traditional - original values and strengths. He is right to maintain that many of the Baltic states, in the these are undermined by He stands for collective

discipline over individual views, for acknowledging the all-seeing wisdom of the party, for the historical inevitability of the communist idea and the rightness of the first Bolsheviks. Arguably, he repre-sents an image of Bolshevism

• It is wrong to describe Ligachov as Stalinist. He detests Stalinism as strongly as Yeltsin, having lost relatives in Stalin's camps 9

that never corresponded to reality. Were the first Bolsheviks really as committed to collective and party discipline as Mr Ligachov and others of like mind believe; were they incorruptible and as ascetic as mythology suggests?

The mythology, with its indestructible hope of a bright future and equality in prosperity for all, is what supports Mr Ligachov, and he is entirely found wet and worse for wear a universal set of ideas. Mr logical in arguing that, if party after falling or being pushed Ligachov is a "conservative" discipline were fully upheld members would say the rot set noble ends.

into a Moscow river near the in the sense that he wants the and if the party enforced its "leading role" in society, many manifestations of what seem to him "anarchy" - in Transcaucasus, in city crime might not have become so

Little is known of his private life, but he appears to be a disciplinarian of the first order. There is no evidence that he would refuse to subordinate himself to a party decision he disagreed with (hence his express support for Mr Gorbachov's leadership at last week's plenum), and it is improbable, despite the allegation against him last year, that

he ever accepted a bribe. Even his enemies do not suggest that it was to avoid being brought to justice that he insisted on being investigated - as is his right - by a commission of the Central Committee instead of by civilian prosecutors. As a member of the Central Committee and a disciplinarian, he would accept only the judgement of his peers.

It is wrong to describe Mr Ligachov and his ideas as Stalinist. He detests Stalinism told the party conference in 1988 that he had lost relatives

in Stalin's camps, as did so many others. Stalin's works as an evil deformation of Marxismin even under Lenin), Mr Ligachov would summarize Stalin's rule under the headings of good and bad points: the good points being discipline, strong leadership, victory over Germany, and rapid ndustrialization.

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Many, including Mr Yeltsin, would say that one-man rule, strong discipline and the supremacy of the collective are the vices that brought the country to its present pass. Mr Ligachov would disagree. For him, these features would, properly applied, have set the Soviet Union on the path to 'real" communism.

People of many persuasions gather under Mr Ligachov's 🛕 nationalists who see in his "internationalism" an antidote to the nationalisms they oppose, party and government apparatchiks who fear for their power and privileges under perestroika, and neo-Stalinists who want to enforce discipline if necessary by inhumane methods. There is no evidence that Mr Ligachov supports any of these groups.

It may be his misfortune that the undoubted political as strongly as Mr Yeltsin. He strength he possesses inside the party depends less on his appeal to the Utopian elements of Marxism-Leninism - the desire to end exploita-But while Mr Yeltsin and tion and work with, rather others would dismiss all than against, the historical

process - than on the way his idealism can be harnessed to Leninism (and some party other sectional and far less

Ligachov vows to fight plan for private hired labour Continued from page 1

which combined planning and market forces. "The plan should determine strategy, and market relations should resolve questions related to supply and demand," he said.

Asked about the prospect of German unity, he said the German people had the right "to arrange their lives as they think fit", but added: "In my opinion, we are not talking about reunification so much as East Germany being swallowed up by West Germany.

He called on all democratic nations

to act collectively to ensure that German reunification took place in such a way that Germany would never

again pose a threat to its neighbours. "I know the deprivations endured by the British during the war. They are very well aware that it was from that land, that German land, that two world wars have come, and who better than we British and Soviet people to know the grief and suffering this

Mr Ligachov insisted that he fully supported the last week's Central Committee decision to end the Communists' monopoly of power. "I have come to the conclusion ... that if the party wishes to keep its role as a ruling party . . . it must try to achieve this by political means." he said. "This is a matter of principle ... we are for a

Nevertheless, "in the present conditions", he thought the Communists "should be the only party", as it was the only political force which could provide stability.

 MOSCOW: In the latest separatist challenge to the Kremlin from the restive Baltic republics, the par-

heated debate yesterday to work for full Latvian independence (Reuter reports).

There were 177 votes for and only 48 against a declaration which said: "It is necessary to do all to restore the state independence of Latvia and transform it into a free, independent Latvian state."

The declaration denounced a 1940 parliamentary resolution that brought the republic into the Soviet Union, saying it could not serve as a basis for

Revolutionary rock nears finale

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

East Germany may be des-tined for currency union and unification faster than it can re-learn the words of its belatedly reinstated national anthem; but to wander through the House of Young Talent in East Berlin this week, you wouldn't know it.

The city's annual agitoroo spree, the festival of Red So spree, the festival of Red Song, now in its 20th and probably last year of rocking for revolution, is continuing doggedly with a distinct feeling of apres nous le déluge hanging over the two-million-mark music

haunt of the young trendies of East Berlin who gather in their Hungarian jeans and leather jackets donated by Western cousins to hear a Cuban band performing a cheery number entitled Marxist-Leninism or

walls decorated with photo- Mitteleuropa attending. The that unity will come within the graphs of the November upris- embarrassing gap has been year, and comments that it is butchers.

land, comfortably situated in the heart of Europe, 18 million inhabitants going cheap." Another mocks the pro-unity chanting of the Leipzig demonstrations, calling for

Budapest (Reuter) - Hungarians in the eastern industrial town of Leninvaros pushed and spat at the country's former communist leader, Mr Karoly Grosz, when he tried to take part in a televised debate The House remains the on local economic problems.

"GDR One Fatherland". The organizers, the Freie Deutsche Jugend, have evidently had difficulty finding Eastern bloc participants still prepared to be described as socialists to take part, with not a single The beer is cheap and the non-German representative of

ing. At the entrance a hand-drawn poster protests for-and Irish rock groups who, as worried about the effects of lornly against the inevitable: one wag in the audience "For Sale, one large piece of remarked, can still talk about socialism with relish, not having lived through it. A West German performer

takes the stage in a large hall named after a 1950s communist the audience only dimly remembers, and remarks that he is pleased to get there before it is renamed the Helmut Kohl Hall. The laughter is tinged with bitterness. "Helmut the Unifier" is the uncontested villain of the East German left and gradually perceived with some appreheusion by wider sections of the population who have realized that their fate is being determined by the hotline between Bonn and Moscow, with East Berlin informed afterwards as a mere courtesy.

The taxi driver outside lis-

tens to a radio report saying

monetary union on his savines.

East Germany is disappear-ing by the week, even before the first confederative treaty is on the table, because people believe it is and act accordingly. New correspondents now choose signs which read "Berlin Office" rather than mentioning East Germany, on the logic that they will only have to change them again by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the Freie Deutsche Jugend is in shreds, with

membership plummeting and factories ordered not to produce any more bright blueand-yellow shirts for its uniform. It is also casting around for buyers to relieve it of the House of Young Talent and the festival it can no longer afford. The only offer forthcoming so far is from a West German chain of

Crowds back Romanian mutiny

multi-party system."

Thousands of angry Romanestablishment. ian workers and students yesterday rallied to the support of Marches in solidarity with the armed forces' mutiny and the officers swept up Magharu began converging on the Gov-ernment's headquarters in Boulevard in central Bucharest, in open defiance of a Victory Square, demanding ban on spontaneous demonthe sacking of General Nicolae strations ordered last month Military, the veteran Defence by the ruling National Salva-Minister, a former close assotion Front, an ad hoc body which is accused of keeping A delegation of 35 middle-

old Communists in power. The marchers, chanting paratroopers. "Down with the Securitate" and "One revolution was not enough", claimed that officers from the Army. Navy and Air Force were being prevented forcibly from leaving their units to join the protest. Some officers took off their uniforms and protested in plain clothes after rumours

spread through the crowds

that they might be shot as deserters. By mid-afternoon, the crowds broke through a cormutinous protest in support of don of soldiers armed with former headquarters of the purge of former Com- automatic rifles, who were secret police. Political sources

munists from the defence protecting the Government's said that senior figures, such

up to the main steps. There was an ugly scene of a kind not seen since the early days of the revolution as hundreds of people tried to beat a man to death who was suspected of being "a terrordescribe Securitate members. He was eventually rescued by

Mr Petre Roman, the Prime Minister, offered a series of concessions which fell far short of the sacking of the generals. His offer was treated densorily by the officers inside the besieged building who have been backed by upwards of 1,000 demonstrating on open ground outside.

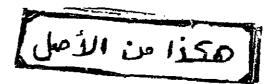
Urgent government moves were under way to try to find a solution before the weekend. when another mass demonstration is planned at the

offices, and forced their way as Mr Roman and the interim President. Mr Ion Iliescu, both former party members, feared their own jobs could be at stake if they bowed to popular pressure to remove

the Communist generals. Observers expressed fears of renewed fighting between the former Securitate members and the disaffected officers, including those up to the rank

of colonel. The Romanian media, still responsive to central control despite being freed of some of Ceausescu's restrictions, attempted to play down the crisis but thousands of leaflets calling on citizens to join the protest were being distributed throughout the capital and posted on walls - reflecting the degree of organization of

the anu-Front movement. Romanian officials said that other demonstrations were taking place in Timisoara, the



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SOUTH AFRICA IN TRANSITION

put on show of strength over reforms

one brandishing a black doll's notorious political killings.
head to symbolize Mr Nelson

Brigadier Floris Mostert Mandela, demonstrated here yesterday to denounce President de Klerk for releasing the

"Hang Mandela, Free Strydom" said one placard, referring to the white mass killer Barend Strydom, sentenced to death for gunning down eight blacks in the street

The protesters marched to Pretoria City Hall to hear Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the far-right Conservative Party, denounce Mr de Klerk's Government for its sweeping reforms and the release of Mr

The demonstration was one of the biggest shows of strength by right-wing whites

Johannesburg (Renter) — Mr Nelson Mandela said yes-terday he had never seen a factimile machine. He was which said he had a hexerious life — and a fax machine — in his last months in prison.

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Conservative Party won about 30 per cent of the vote.

artheid, claim surging support tion with the two murders. from a white backlash against South African prosecuto unbanning of Mr Mandela's African National Congress.

tance Movement.

The Conservative Party, which organized the rally, has laid treason charges against Mr Mandela after he called for continuation of the armed Indian (struggle after his release on London. Sunday from 27 years in jail. Mr V:

Separately, in a disclosure that could fuel controversy over alleged official death

5,000 South African whites, army unit carried out two that a shadowy South African

said in a court affidavit on Wednesday that he suspected a previously unknown unit of the South African Defence Force, known as the Civil Cooperation Bureau, had carried out murders, arson attacks, bombings and assaults. These bombings and assaults. I nese included the murder in May, 1989 of David Webster, a South African human-rights activist, and the September, 1989 murder of Anton Lubowski, a Namibian nationalist politician.

Brigadier Mostert's affidavit may sharpen controversy over recent allegations that officially sanctioned death squads killed anti-apartheid activists at home and abroad in recent years. A judicial commission of inquiry is due to start work this week.

Brigadier Mostert's affidavit was presented during a Johannesburg court hearing of gently criticizing media stories an application for the immediate release of former Lieutenant Abram van Zyl, aged 34, from police custody. Brigadier Mostert said Mr Van Zyl had since parliamentary elections been actively involved in last September, when the political violence and was a member of the bureau. He said Mr Van Zyl's group The Conservatives, who included Mr Calla Botha, also want a return to hardline ap- in police custody in connec-

South African prosecutors the De Klerk Government's are also investigating the reforms, which include the killings of 34 blacks by a white security guard in Cape prov-Many protesters were doing his job. A spokesman khaki-clad members of the for Mr Kobie Coetsee, the extremist Afrikaner Resis- Justice Minister, said yesterday he had asked the province's Attorney General to head an investigation of Mr Louis van Schoor and his oneman security service in the Indian Ocean port of East

> Mr Van Schoor said in recent media reports that the killings took place lawfully in the course of his work protect-

WORLD ROUNDUP

Blow to Sweden's ruling Democrats

Stockholm -- Sweden's Social Democratic Party, which has almost totally dominated the country's political life for the past half century was voted out of office last night (Christopher Mosey writes). However, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, seemed confident that his opponents have scored only a pyrrhic victory and that, in just a few days time, he will be back to form the next Government.

There is as yet no question of a new election, which could according to opinion polls result in a non-socialist victory. Even Swedes who would welcome Mr Carlsson's fall saw last night's vote as more of a sudden breeze stirring the well-nigh stagnant waters of the "duck pond", as sophisticates call their homeland, than any lasting wind of change. Mr Carlsson was defeated by 153 votes to 190 on his austerity package - the most drastic in the country's post-war history.

US to cut Asia troops

Second (AP) - Mr Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, told South Korean officials yesterday that the US wants to reduce its forces in Asia by 10 to 12 per cent — at least 12,000 troops — over the next three years, US officials said. He said about 5,000 soldiers would be pulled out of South Korea, and another 7,000 to 9,400 withdrawn from the Philippines and Japan. There are 120,000 US troops based in the three nations. "We aren't going to move precipitously ... Our commitment remains strong," Mr Chency told a news conference. "The threat remains undiminished." Mr Lee Sang Hoon, the South Korean Desence Minister, said his country had "accepted in principle the gradual cutback in troop strength".

Mugabe calls election

Harare - Zimbabwe is to hold its second general election since independence a decade ago on March 28 and 29 in what is widely seen as a preliminary to the introduction by President Mugabe of one-party rule (Jan Raath writes). A proclamation published yesterday announced the dates for simultaneous presidential and parliamentary elections, the latter for 120 seats in a new 150-seat unicameral Parliament. The rest of the seats are to be filled by Mr Mugabe's appointees and those chosen by the Council of Chiefs, a progovernment body. On the tenth anniversary of independence, on April 18, legislation will come into force allowing Mr Mugabe to amend the Bill of Rights by a two-thirds vote of Parliament, and abolish freedom of political association.

Cambodian returns

Banteay Chlunar, Cambodia - After more than a decade in exile, Mr Son Sann, prime minister in the coalition which the United Nations recognizes as Cambodia's legitimate government, has made a symbolic homecoming (Neil Kelly writes). Some of his soldiers, eager to salute Mr Son Sann, roared by on the top of a Soviet T54 tank which they captured when they "liberated" the town, 15 miles from the Thai border. Many of the 3,700 townspeople turned out to see Mr Son Sann but his return on Wednesday was a low-key occasion. The residents moved here from other parts of Cambodia and from refugee camps inside Thailand. They said they had access to better supplies of food than in government-controlled areas, and felt safer.

Secret Reagan video

Washington (AP) - A federal judge said the media and public would be barred from attending former President Reagan's videotaped deposition in the Iran-Contra affair, but the video probably would be released next week. Judge Harold Greene, of the US district court, said Mr Reagan should give his testimony in a closed proceeding today so potential disclosures of classified information could be avoided. In the affair, arms were sold to Iran in the hope of influencing the release of US hostages in Lebanon, though the Reagan Administration refused to deal with "terrorists".

Angry whites Colour-blind classes point the way to the future



ing shape for a number of

This is what it looks like: a dards drop when you let little black girl stumbles and blacks in," Mr Taylor said. "The academic cream here is nurses a bruised knee. She is non-white." immediately cuddled by two playmates. One is white, the other is Coloured (mixed

A few yards away, their brothers are playing cricket with an oil drum as a wicket When a white boy makes a superb catch, the first to congratulate him is a black Such scenes occur every day

in the playing fields of St Joseph's College, a multi-racial institution in the heart of Rondebosch, an area where the only blacks are workers and domestic servants. It may be only a small step towards racial harmony, but the commitment of its staff and the tolerance of its senior pupils offer a glimmer of hope. Mr Ron Taylor, the lay headmaster since 1983, explains the rationale of the venture: "We are trying to break down barriers by creating caring adults, and I think

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town In a white suburb of Cape their communities." With Town the future now prom- more than 400 pupils, only ised by President de Klerk and about one-third of them white, dreamed of by Mr Nelson his school has acquired a Mandela has been slowly tak- reputation for high academic achievement. "It is a myth, absolute nonsense, that stan-

> Run by the Marist Brothers, a Catholic teaching order, the college is fee-paying, more or less: "If parents have difficulty paying the fees, we just ask them to pay what they can. Despite a government subsidy we have serious financial problems, but we survive."

Mr Taylor, himself an unusual mixture of Scottish and Lebanese, recalls trying to hedge around the words "black" and "white" when he first arrived in South Africa. A boy eventually stood up and said: "Please, sir, just use the words. That's what we are." The younger children scam-

pering through the cloisters may be "colour-blind", but their families and neighbours are not. When school is over for the day, the realities of apartheid are inescapable. Mark Clarivette, the head

given a sharp reminder of the

Her mother angrily pulled her away, directing insults at Clarivette.

"That's the biggest obstacle, the older people who grew up in a time when they were totally isolated from each other," he says. "They don't understand us mixing, and they try to prevent it."

White pupils appear to be enthusiastic about the college, and Cecil Mlatsheni, who is black, says: "My people have to try to forget the past. Sometimes I watch videos of violent incidents which cause me sudden pain, but I know it would be wrong to hit back. South Africa is definitely get-

His friend, Vuyisile Mzo Zoyana, who grew up in Soweto, is more wary: Yes, Soweto, is more wary: it's changing, but I still have racism inside me."

Clearly Mr Taylor has a worthwhile but daunting job. His goal of advancing from multi-racialism to non-racialism, implying the total dismantling of racial attitudes, has yet to be achieved.

But Ashley Jacobs, a Coloured youth, is optimistic: "I think it's great being in a school like this, where people from different communities can get to know each other. bigotry of his elders when he We are the future. If you want

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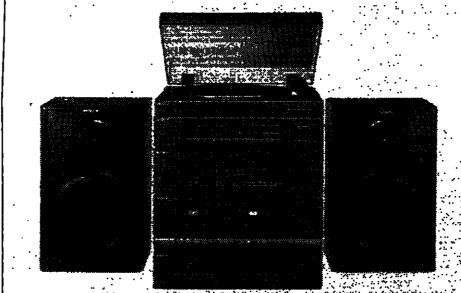
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territory's future constitution.

to the vote in Peking today among representatives from Hong Kong and China who are preparing the colony's post-1997 constitution, limits the number of directly elected scats in the first 60-seat legislature to 20, rising to 24 in 1999

Although China has claimed this is a concession to Britain, it is only a minor improvement on the earlier Chinese proposal for 18 directly elected seats in 1997. Hong Kong's existing Legislative Council has been pressing for a fully elected legislature by 2003.

The liberal leader, Mr Martin Lee, QC, who was expelled from the Basic Law Drafting Committee last year for his criticism of Peking's June 4 crackdown in Tiananmen Square, called Britain's acquiescence to Peking's plans, which effectively limit democratic development before and after the territory reverts to Chinese rule in 1997, a 'shameless act of surrender" which would only encourage China to break yet more

promises in the future. He said he believed the legislature will ultimately be directly elected.

He said the British Govern- Hong Kong.

Hong Kong politicians have out its central promises, with denounced as a sell-out and a China leading Britain by the Britain and China was binding farce a secret deal between nose to what the Chinese only for the first direct elec-Britain and China on the euphemistically describe as

A fellow liberal and prodemocracy activist, Mr Yeung Sum, said the agreement took no account of the wishes of the people and Government of

The drafting committee is made up of Hong Kong and Chinese representatives, but China holds the majority. Hong Kong representatives now say there is little likeli- as valuable concessions. hood of wresting further concessions from Peking. Mr Rayson Huang, who led

a rebel grouping of 11 out of the 18-strong Hong Kong team in a drive for faster democratization, spoke of his dissatisfaction with the drafting committee's decision, but said, "I'm resigned to this rate of development." Hong Kong's views had "by no means" been taken into account.

Another Basic Law drafter, Miss Maria Tam, who is seen the deal would satisfy no-one in Hong Kong. Mr Raymond Wu, a conservative member of the committee, said, however, that it was a step in the right direction.

For his part, Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong agreement was a clear breach Kong, has said that Britain of the 1984 Sino-British Joint might increase the pace of Declaration on the future of democratic reform in the run-Hong Kong, which says the up to 1997 if the outcome of the Basic Law drafting process failed to satisfy people in

ment had "taken the Joint In a statement that ap-Declaration and agreed to rub peared to imply that the

only for the first direct elections, he said further improve

As a result of this week's negotiations, Sino-British relations are expected to ease considerably, but Britain may face increasingly fierce protests in Hong Kong. Britain is expected to hail the negotiations as something of a vic-tory, praising the few amendments the Chinese have made

The Hong Kong representatives also succeeded in limiting the dual voting sys-tem to private members' Bills. Hong Kong as a mainland tactic to delay and obstruct legislation supported by directly-elected representatives.

Mr Allen Lee, the leader of the Legislative Council, meanwhile, strongly criticized another element of the secret deal, which raises the maximum number of foreign passport-holders from 15 per cent to 20 per cent of the post-1997

He said any such limit was wrong in principle and would be unworkable.

In London the Foreign Office yesterday declined to comment on the reports from Peking that Britain has agreed to Chinese plans for limited democratization in Hong Kong after 1997.

A spokesman said there would be no statement until the talks end, and this is not expected before midday London time tomorrow. Leading article, page 13



A crying boy among auxious relatives of passengers from the ill-fated Indian Airlines Airbus crash near Bangaiore, in which 92 people died, waiting for news of survivors at Santa Cruz airport in Bombay. Doctors and relatives of the victims struggled to identify the bodies, many charred beyond recognition (Reuter reports). At least 54 people, including three infants, survived when the two-month-old Airbus A 320 crashed moments before landing.

The bodies of victims have been kept in the open at Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, where more than 200 men, women and children waited to identify relatives. Mr Ashok Birla, a member of a wealthy Indian family, his wife and daughter were among those killed, airline officials said. Their bodies have yet to be identified. Indian Airlines sources said they were waiting for a team of experts from Airbus Industries in France before starting an inquiry. | Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, formance.

drug crusade to Andean leaders

From Geoffrey Matthews, Cartagena, Colombia

yesterday for a summit to plot with \$1 billion to strategy for what he has invasion Panama. dubbed the Third World War against drugs.

With him came Mr James Baker, Secretary of State, Mr William Bennett, his drugs tzar, and a force of aides and secret servicemen. He is to discuss ways to defeat the enemy of cocaine with the leaders of the three Andean nations unhappily caught up in its production: Presidents Barco of Colombia, Garcia of Peru and Paz Zamora of Bolivia.

Cartagena was the Spanish empire's beachhead on to the South American continent. Founded in 1533 and built like a fortress, it received gold and other treasure which it stored for shipment back to the old world on galleons.

Mr Bush arrived in Barranquimma, Colombia's main commercial port 50 miles up the coast, and then flew to Cartagena in a US Air Force international waters.

summit would produce "a cartel composed of four countries ... not a cartel dedicated fights this enormous problem which affects all countries".

Yet among the South American participants there are considerable doubts that money where his mouth is. Bolivia and Peru, due to debt For all his rhetoric, he has and structural adjustment and million) in total annual aid to healthier economic per-

President Bush arrived in the where coca is cultivated and Caribbean city of Cartegena yesterday for a summit to plot with \$1 billion to tiny postThe same of the sa

Señor Enrique Santos Cal-derón, an influential columnist on Colombia's biggest selling daily, El Tiempo, commented yesterday: "If the United States does not have the money to go the roots of a problem which gnaws at its internal organs, or if its economic priorities are elsewhere - in Eastern Europe, for example - there is no hope for solutions in the short or medium range."

In a speech welcoming the three visiting presidents to Cartagena, President Barco said: "We hope that this summit will mark a milestone in the international struggle against the production, the trafficking and the consumption of illicit drugs."

• LONDON: Industrialized nations concerned about international drug trafficking should be prepared to spend more on financing alternative helicopter which had flown in crops in Peru, Bolivia and from an aircraft carrier in Colombia, according to a new assessment published by the Before leaving Washington, Panos Institute yesterday Mr Bush said he hoped the (Michael Knipe writes).

Drug users in the US spend approximately \$20 billion per year on cocaine - the equivato the promotion of narcotics lent of the collective gross but an anti-drugs cartel which bia, Peru and Bolivia, says Panos, an international policies study institute.

Cocaine money played a vital role in helping to cushion Mr Bush is ready to put his the economic crisis facing earmarked \$430 million (£252 in contributing to Colombia's

alter stance on Israel

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Signs of a shift in Syria's ods to achieve its goals, Yes- Syria and Egypt. Further inattitude to Israel emerged terday, Syrian officials dications of a new policy have yesterday as Israeli officials indicated that the aim of come from US and United said the two countries had Damascus remained Israeli been putting out peace "feel- withdrawal from all territories been putting out peace "feel-

ers" to each other. missed reports that the two had twice held informal meetof a fertile imagination"

Officials said there had been pressure from Moscow, President Assad of Syria has reportedly indicated that he will not obstruct a proposed Israeli-Palestinian question.

On the other hand, he remains committed to recovering the Golan Heights.

There have been unconfirmed reports of behind-thescenes israeli-Syrian contacts since the 1973 Middle East War, in which Syria failed to regain the Heights. Israel occupied them in the Six-Day War of 1967 and officially annexed the area in 1981. The new exploratory "feelers" stem from radical changes in the East-West relationship.

Moscow has told Damascus it must cease its quest for military victory and focus instead on diplomatic meth-

occupied in 1967, including But Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the the Golan Heights, as well as Israeli Prime Minister, dis- the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr Sami al-Saleh, the secsides, hitherto bitter enemies, retary of the ruling Baath

ings in Vienna as "the figment edly said that Damascus would "never, never accept "indirect contacts". Under Beirat - Christian troops loyal to General Michel Aoun attacked a rival Christian militia base south of the Lebanese capital yesterday, Palestinian dialogue on the killing 14 people and wounding 90 (A Correspondent writes). Tanks and armoure

personnel carriers took part in the raid on the stronghold of the Lebanese Forces militia chief, Commander Samir Geagea, who said his men repulsed the attack.

under any circumstances any bargaining over the Golan". Syrian officials said any peace talks between Damascus and Jerusalem must be accompanied by simultaneous negotiations by Israel on all

the other occupied territories. Signs of a change of tack by Damascus first came with the recent reconciliation between

Nations officials who visited the two countries.

Mr Cyrus Vance, the former US Secretary of State, told Israeli officials recently that President Assad appeared inclined toward negotiations party in Kuneitra, has report- rather than aggression.

This week M Jean-Claude Aimée, adviser on Middle Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, told Israeli officials that President Assad still believed an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue would fail, but would do nothing to prevent it taking place.

Syria controls several extremist Palestinian factions opposed to the decision by the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept "two states in Palestine", one Jewish and one Arab.

President Assad is also reported to be ready to agree to an international Middle East peace conference held under the auspices of the two super powers rather than of the UN Security Council. Israeli finance officials are using these signs of a reduction in the Syrian threat to argue for cuts in Israel's huge defence

Moscow urges Assad to Moscow reflects on bitter-sweet Afghan legacy

From Mary Dejevsky

The bells of the 17th-century Church of the Resurrection rang out across central Moscow yesterday to commemorate the first anniversary of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. Pravda published a panegyric, with

romantic photograph, to General Boris Gromov, the Soviet command-er in Afghanistan and the last Soviet soldier to cross the border. Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, set out new proposals for ending a war in which Moscow is now only peripherally engaged.

Each episode revealed a facet of the continuing price Moscow is paying for its intervention in Afghanistan, one year after President Gorbachov brought the troops home.

Mr Shevardnadze's proposals - for the eventual demilitarization of the country, to be preceded by all-party talks under United Nations auspices,

tion of the territorial status quo between the Kremlin-backed Government and the Mujahidin - showed that the Soviet Union still feels the need for peace on its southern frontier and continues to nurture a sense of responsibility for the fate of its protégé, President Najibullah. Charges that civil war would not have come about in Afghanistan had it not been for the Soviet intervention are heard as frequently now as they were when the Kremlin pull-out began.

General Gromov, photographed in the arms of his adoring wife on the back page of Pravda (a photograph quite unlike any usually published by the party paper), is one of the few beneficiaries of the war. Now head of the Kiev military region in Ukraine, he was elected last year as a deputy to the Congress of People's Deputies. He is a convincing orator, for whom many predict a dazzling political career. The Pravda tribute will have coats, talked softly about their disdone the budding politician no harm. The general, the paper's correspondent wrote, is studying for a

higher degree and newly married to Faina. His first wife, by whom he had two children, died in an air crash five years ago. Now, Pravda said, he has assumed more family responsibilities with his new wife's five-year-old twin girls. Having dispensed with the uncharacteristic human interest story, Prayda then recounted the work he is doing to help demobilized servicemen and their families - the lack of facilities and jobs for returning officers is a source of deep dissatisfaction within the military.

As the bells rang out across Gorky Street, a small group of veterans,

in driving snow.

Another even smaller group, of officers, with several stars on the epaulettes of their blue-grey great-

Moscow television team. "The Afghan victims are not acknowledged by any other part of

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Soviet society. It has been left to the Church to remember us," a retired officer said.

All had taken part in a memorial service, the first of its kind, conducted by Bishop Pitirim for officers and men who had served in Afghanistan. Interspersed with the haunting music of the Russian Orthodox liturgy were prayers for the dead and the living, and imprecations to the soldiermartyrs of the Russian Church. At the end, the congregation quietly sang Eternal Memory for the fallen.

The church was crowded, with the majority of the congregation women. A retired officer said that the act of remembrance helps you to stay human after all the inhumanity you have seen".

Briton dies as snow brings chaos to Alps

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

A Briton was identified as one 47, from London, was killed equivalent of a month's worth Hinterglemm about 37 miles of the victims of the sudden on Wesdnesday when the of rain on some towns, and south of Salzburg. Police said deluge of snow that brought chaos to the Alps this week and left at least 200,000 skiers stranded in the French Alos yesterday. About 10 French ski resorts were cut off after snowstorms and rain caused avalanches, and the French Meteorological Office issued "maximum alert" avalanche warnings.

Terence Murnaghan, aged day, had dumped a the the resort of Saalbach- devoid of snow.

chalet he was sheltering in was record snowfall blanketed swept away by an avalanche at parts of the Alps. Yesterday Le Joseret, near Val-d'Isère.

In eastern Switzerland, a mudslide buried rescuers searching for the victim of an earlier slide. One search-dog handler was killed and

100 rescue-firemen and 60 troops were sent to the Savoie region of the French Alps.

Timothy Magee, aged 16, was killed on Monday when he fell another critically was injured. into a narrow ditch, police Meteorologists said the said yesterday. He had been

south of Salzburg. Police said he broke his neck and died instantly.

In France, more than 100 people were evacuated from villages in the Haute Savoie after warnings of avalanches and landslides. Several roads and rail links in the area have been blocked by snow.

Up to last weekend many storms, which began on Tues- on holiday with his family in ski resorts were practically

Singapore steps up cocaine war

Singapore (AP) — Singapore has extended the mandator death penalty to cover traf-fickers in cocaine, opium and marijuana. The new law covers manufacturing, importing or exporting just more than an ounce of cocaine, about 1 lb of marijuana, some 7 oz of hashish and just more than 21/2 lb of opium.

Yacht rescue

Madrid - A Spanish fishingvessel rescued two Britons, Mr Lawrence Ladelaw and his son, Stephen, after their 40ft yacht, the San Vica, exploded and caught fire about 13 miles south of Palma de Mallorca.

Law relaxed

Colombo (AFP) - The Sri Lankan Government has lifted several emergency regulations. including one which allowed security forces to dispose of bodies without holding inquests.

Pakistani held Nicosia (Reuter) - A court at a British base in Cyprus has ordered a Pakistani suspected of smuggling heroin into Britain to be detained pending

a request for extradition. Military code

Seoul (AFP) - A new code of conduct in Korea has banned the beating of recruits by sergeants during training and forbidden military personnel from meddling in politics.

Murder ruling Lausanne (Reuter) - A Swiss

court has ruled that Signor Antonio de Luca, a suspected member of Italy's Red Brigades, can be extradited to Italy on a murder charge.

Death toll up Maputo (Reuter) - The death toll in the Mozambique Nat-

ional Resistance attack on a train in the south of the country has risen to 55. lokyo action

Tokyo (Reuter) - Japan is to

make it a crime to launder the

profits of illegal drug dealing.

Humbled Nakasone battles to stay on the political stage "please" and "thank you". thank you, I'm awfully sorry." though it came to light only With the help of a local taxi- But if Mr Nakasone will not him in fourth place among the

Gunna, Japan

"Telling you Mr Nakasone's schedule is like giving information to the enemy," says Mr Katsumi Kobayashi, the manager of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's campaign head-quarters. If this is an unhelpful start to the day, it at least gives an idea of the panic at Mr Nakasone's election offices. Once Japan's most famous

statesman, perhaps still the only Japanese Prime Minister many foreigners could name, Mr Nakasone may well lose his seat at Sunday's general

Mr Nakasone looks like a hunted man and the press has descended on his constituency



in Gunma, a mountainous, rice-farming area north-west of Tokyo, hoping for a kill. But Mr Nakasone is just 71

Japanese politician — and still dreams of leading his country again. He is fighting to rebuild his tattered image and has decided that a nagging press is an unnecessary obstacle.

He reserves his coldest shoulder for Japan's Asahi newspaper, which recently acstock deal, which he denies. office in the city of Takasaki. The press hung like vultures over him last summer when it was wrongly thought he might

be questioned by police over

Nakasone's administration.

much later. The newspapermen are back because they think Gunma's voters at Sunday's poll might give Mr Nakasone his come-uppance by robbing him of the seat he has held since 1947.

It is embarrassing enough that he has campaigned at all cused him of being linked to a in his own constituency, usushady, but very lucrative, ally thought demeaning for a former Prime Minister. That Now Asahi reporters are not he has wooed voters for allowed into Mr Nakasone's almost six months like a lovestruck suitor has made him the butt of ridicule. This year, no comer shop is

too small for a visit from Mr

Nakasone and locals say that

driver, a tip from an Asahi journalist and a turn of luck, we tracked down Mr Nakasone in a restaurant in Anaka, a town close to his Takasaki campaign offices. After three hours he em-

erged wearing a traditional election candidate's namesash bigger than Miss World's. but he was reluctant to linger Should the rest of the world

be interested in this general election? "I think so." Why is that? "That's a question. I'm not speak, there are many who will speak for him. "That such a great man will

moves us to tears," says Mrs Ritsue Sato, chairman of a 50,000-strong, all-women support group. There are also many who will speak loudly against him.

"Mr Nakasone was called 'kyoaku' (giant evil) in connection with the Recruit scandal," says Mr Kenichi Shiraishi, a union-backed candidate running against him. Nakasone's is a multi-seat

four MPs who head back to Tokyo. Some analysts say he could miss the boat altogether honour us with his presence and would have done better to join three other former prime ministers, Mr Takeo Fukuda. Mr Kakuei Tanaka and Mr Zenko Suzuki, in retiring gracefully at this election, But Mr Nakasone is too ambitious for that.

He is running as an independent, after being nudged out of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party because of his links to Recruit. Sunday's vote could finally draw the answering questions from the constituency, which returns curtain down on a political press during the campaign. four MPs. It would be career that Mr Nakasone, at international vision have You're trying to have a quesgiven way to a more humble tion-and-answer session. No in Mr Nakasone's popularity way to run.

Cosmic radiation study shows increased cancer risk for high-flyers particularly vulnerable since they fly higher than others. minerals emit radiation, the avpregnancy avoid flying on the

From Susan Ellicott Washington

Air crews and passengers who fly on certain routes are exposed to more radiation than most workers at nuclear plants, a US government study shows.

Although scientists cannot assess precisely the long-term effects of low radiation doses, the report, issued this week by the Department of Transportation, states that people who fly a lot receive greater than expected doses of radiation from the Sun and stars. Some radiation experts are cited in the report as recommending that women in the early stages of

Radiation absorbed while flying differs according to latitude and altitude, increasing the nearer an aircraft is to the Poles. Concern about cosmic radiation has grown with the trend for aircraft to fly for longer and at higher altitudes, where the protective atmosphere is

Increasingly, aircraft flying be-

tween Europe and the United

States pass over the North Pole,

where the effect of the Earth's

magnetic field raises radiation levels to four times those at the

Equator. The fastest aircraft, such

as Concorde and corporate jets, are

Experts advocate the installation of devices in cockpits that would

advise pilots to drop altitude to avoid particularly high levels of high-energy radiation. Such equip-ment would also alert pilots on the rare occasions when the Sun's radiation, which varies considerably, reaches levels that the study says pregnant women flying only once should avoid. Flying at 40,000 ft over the North

Pole produces a radiation level of

1.4 millirems an hour, compared

with 0.4 millirems an hour at the

same altitude over the Equator. On

the ground, where rocks and

the Recruit bribery scandal, high-handed lectures on his which struck at the heart of Mr international vision have

erage level in New York is estimated at 0.0056 millirems an hour. One medical scientist said that radiation levels absorbed by air passengers were sometimes as high as those that require warnings to workers in nuclear plants or other industrial jobs involving contact with X-rays and other radiation sources. As airlines are not covered by the government safety regulations that regulate employees'

exposure, these levels are higher than those which most nuclear plant workers experience. The government study showed that airline staff run a similar health risk from radiation to that

from cabins full of eigarette smoke. although working in the air heightens the risk of contracting cancer only moderately above the average. About 22,000 Americans in

100,000 are expected to die from cancer. The study, on westbound flights, estimates that for airline staff who have flown 960 hours a year for 20 years on internal flights of at least three hours, the cancer death rate will be raised by 59 to 61 per 100,000. Passengers on the same routes, flying only half as many hours, are predicted to suffer 30 extra fatal cancer cases per 100.000.

Dr Michael Ginevan, a scientist who compiled the statistics, said: as a greater problem.

"If I were a woman in the critical period of pregnancy for retardation (weeks eight to 15). I would tend to avoid flights to Europe." He said that, since he completed the statistical work, new studies had revised the expected cancer rate for survivors of low radiation doses in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to double or triple the earlier expected rate.

Airline unions have expressed concern about exposure to radiation. But some scientists say that the average doses are too low to cause acute illness, even for frequent travellers on the riskiest routes, and airline officials say that they are still treating heart disease

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Thatcher clashes | Palace of Westminster as it might have been with Kinnock on mortgage rates

Mr Neil Kinnock accept-ed the Prime Minister's due entirely to her economic it had been due to her economic policies that the level of manufacture is the level of manufactu "confession" at question time that it was her Government's economic policies that had led to the Government's economic policies that had led to the present record levels of mortgage interest rates.

Mrs Thatcher said that also due to the Government's economic policies, as Mr Kinnock might know if he looked at Social Trends today, was a 25 per cent increase in real household disposable income between 1981 and 1988.

There were now 15 million excellence of these policies had also led to millions more home

The Leader of the Opposition took advantage of an exchange on "capping" local government expenditure to ask Mrs Thatcher what thought she had given to imposing a cap on mortgage

Mrs Thatcher said that there were now some three million more people able to take out mortgages than there were in 1979, and many more than that owned their own homes than 10 more than 10 years ago. That was a good

Mr Kinnock said that the Prime Minister should stop dodging the question and simply own up to the fact that the North, C) asked whether, in the council rents up.

Mrs Thatcher said that many tenants had bought and were grateful for that opportunity.

There were now 15 million owner-occupied homes, compared to 11.6 million under Labour. That was due to the excellence of Conservative economic policies.

Mr Kinnock said that to use the Prime Minister's word, "also", he accepted her con-

Mrs Thatcher said that the Chancellors of the Exchequer had handled the economy excellently. Well over 99 per cent of an increasing number of mortgage holders managed to pay their mortgage payments very well. They would find them to be of great benefit. They were

ment was virtually at the lowest level in Western Europe? That would eventually contribute to bringing down the level of interest rates.

facturing had gone up for the second successive year (Labour laughter) . . . that unemploy

Mrs Thatcher said that 1988 and last year had been two years of excellent manufacturing in-vestment. Today's figures show-ed a record number of ints. The ed a record number of jobs. The Government took all necessary measures to keep bearing down on inflation.

on initiation.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab) asked her to consider the plight of hundreds of thousands of council tenants who had been encouraged to buy their houses. The Government should reconsider its policy of cutting support for council cutting support for council housing, thus bringing pressure



The Soviet Ambassador will be opening an exhibition at the Palace of Westminster today of paintings by Thomas Allom of Barry's original design for his new buildings. The paintings, and drawings by Barry, have been in Russia since they were presented to Tsar Nicholas I on his visit to the new palace's construction site. The painting above — ink and watercolour on paper — shows the palace with a redesigned Westminster Bridge in the foreground.

Major resists calls to aid home buyers own, we can safely keep them Derbyshire, Lab) said that there that problem had been there for

MPs from both sides pressed the Chancellor of the Exchequer to announce an early cut in interest rates, particularly to help home buyers. But Mr John Major said that, although it would be attractive to announce and early cut, it would not be sensible until he could be certain that it

He acknowledged the difficulties facing home buyers and said that about 70,000 people with mortgages were more than six months in arrears, less than half of 1 per cent of the total of home owners. Most reposses-sions stemmed from the break-

up of marriages.
Mr Asthony Beaumont-Dark
(Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said
that many Conservative MPs
would be pleased that the pound and interest rates were no longer tied to the Deutschmark because West Germany's headlong and precipitate flight to reunifi-cation was likely to lead to higher interest rates.

Could they have an assurance that British interest rates would not follow them because British industry could not sustain them nor compete with them. Mr Major: I will continue to

judge interest-rate levels on what I believe is right for Mr Alan Beith, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on Trea-sury affairs, said that yesterday's announcement on mortgage rates by one building society spelt tragedy for many people as well as a great deal of pressure on wage negotiations in the coming year.

Could the Chancellor in-

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dicate any hope of a reduction in interest rates to the rest of the building societies, so long as he refused to make a clear commituntil he could be certain that it ment to early entry to the was right in terms of beating exchange-rate mechanism?

Or were they to put up interest rates in anticipation that the rates were going to remain high? Mr Major said that it would be attractive to stand up and say that he foresaw an early or immediate reduction in levels of interest rates. "It would be unwise to make that commitment until it is right in terms of beating inflation and until I am certain that it is right, and that



Mr Major: Agrees home buyers are in difficulty

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashtonunder-Lyne, Lab) quoted the Government as saying often that if economic policy was net hurting, it was not working. The real hurt was being caused to manufacturing industry, investment and home owners. When was the Government

going to open its eyes to the possibility of an alternative method such as credit control which, although not perfect, could give some help? Mr Major said that inflation

was the most damaging thing for manufacturing industry and for the economy as a whole. Monetary policy was specifically there to bear down on inflation. "If we had not used monetary policy successfully in recent years, I very much doubt that we would have seen the dramatic

reductions in unemployment."

Sir Authory Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C) said that, although the battle against inflation must have priority, the burden of it was being borne greens with his transcreams. excessively by two groups: small businesses and home owners. "Will he, while acknowledging that he cannot anticipate the Budget, take this into consideration. After all, the need for

that of the Government. Mr Major: I entirely sympathize with the difficulties that many bome owners in particular are facing. I have to take into - the necessity to make sure that we have the right economic conditions to bring down infla-tion and ensure it is kept down. possession last year amounted to less than a fifth of 1 per cent Mr Harry Barnes (North East of all building society loans and

the battle was not their fault but

were a great many constituents who were in crisis debt and facing great problems of homelessness. It was made worse by increases in mortgage rates and was disturbing because they were already facing higher rail and heating costs and the poll

Were we not moving from crisis into catastrophe and were not the people who should be evicted those who lived in No 10 and No 11 Downing Street rather than our constituents? Mr Major said that he shared concern for those who were facing difficulties. The levels of difficulties and arrears, how-

ever, though a little higher, were still at a low level and the great majority of repossessions re-sulted from marriage break-up rather than high interest rates. Mr Tim Smith (Beaconsfield, C) said that only 0.73 per cent of mortgage holders were in arrears

and that proportion was lower
than in 1985 — and, by definition, 99.27 per cent were not

Mr Major accepted that arrears cases were difficult and painful, but they were not running at the critical level that had been implied.
Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield,

Lab) said that, quite apart from the tracedy of repossession. many people who thought they were home owners were dis-covering that they were home buyers and the Government was account the overriding objective not interested in home buyers. Mr Major said that the number of properties taken into possession last year amounted

a long time. It existed when Mr Benn was a minister. Mr Bob Dunn (Dartford, C)

said that over two million poeple had bought their own homes since 1979. There was a strong case for raising the level of mortgage tax relief from £30,000 to £50,000 to take account of the huge increase in value of homes especially in the South-east and particularly in north-west Kent (Conservative mrotests).

Mr Major said that he noted
Mr Dunn's representations.
Home ownership had risen from

55 per cent to 65 per cent in the past decade and there was still a big demand for home ownership which he expected to continue. Mr John Smith, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that the Conservative Party manifesto in 1979 blamed the level of interest rates and mortgage repayments on After 11 years of Conservative Was government mismanage-

Mr Major said that what the Conservatives said in 1979 was correct. Under Labour there had been negative interests rates which had pushed up inflation and wrecked the economy. Mrs Edwina Carrie (South Derbyshire, C) said that build-

ing societies which had been lending people up to three and four times their incomes had contributed to the over-valuing of properties should "really take Mr Major agreed that people should be prudent in the borrowing they took on.

Student loan plan 'is far too dear'

Government plans to introduce a student loans scheme were attacked by Labour and Libal Democrat MPs when the Com-

(Student Loans) Bill. Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that the scheme was more expensive even than they had expected. It would waste at least £2 billion between now and the year 2010 — money which was going to disappear into a vast black hole of administrative expenses, defaults and deferrals.

He moved a new clause establishing an advisory com-

mittee to give overall advice on the nature, running and admin-istration of the scheme. He said that the need for continuing advice to the Sec-retary of State about the scheme had never been clearer. It had been a very bad scheme when the House debated it on second reading in December, but it was emerging much worse from committee and with far fewer

interest-rate subsidy. "We should follow proper accounting conventions so that we know the full cost of the scheme."

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Most concern surrounded question of whether the move to loans would decrease the number entering higher education.

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port would continue.

Mr Straw said that the loans would penalize groups, such as medical students and those training to be teachers. It would harm access to higher education for students with low-income

Labour would not waste money on loan schemes and so it would have sufficient cash to pay for the extension it envisaged in higher education.

Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman on education, said that still no one had any idea of how the loan scheme was to be implemented.

The banks had refused to operate a loan scheme, another scheme had been put to the universities for them to operate and, in their turn, the univer-sities were putting forward pro-posals of their own. "We are taking several steps in the dark."

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Mr John MacGregor, Sec-etary of State for Education and had not voted for the Bill in the retary of State for Education and Science, said that that was a ridiculous charge. Mr Straw knew perfectly well that was not some standard of government assurance on the standard of the straight was a standard of the straight will be straight to the the case. The student grants the lines of the new clause.

President de Klerk must be en-

couraged to act in a manner which ensured there could be no going back. It was going to be very difficult to have international agreement on a serious reduction of sanctions until

Mr Douald Anderson, an Oppo-sition spokesman on foreign affairs, said that the Prime Minister was gratuitously using up international good will towards this country. "It cannot be good for Britain that we are

now seen by those who have struggled for years for freedom in South Africa as the major protectors of that system

negotiations had started.

Dog tags 'a silly proposal'

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) said that he had never heard anything so silly as the suggestion of Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, that the way to deal with Rottweilers was to put name tags on them.

No one suggested putting name tags on lions and tigers and allowing them to roam the streets. banned

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said that he would draw Mr Ashley's concern to the attention of the Home Secretary (Mr David Waddington).

Age of consent 'must stay'

To reduce the age of con-

(Portsmouth South, C) had said that for various reasons, including the spreading and contracting of Aids, any proposals to reduce the age of consent for homosexuals was unacceptable and "utterly crackers".

Mrs Thatcher agreed. She said that such proposals would cause great probvery much against reduc-ing the age of consent.

EC routes for drugs

A large part of seizures of drugs at United Kingdom ports and airports had been sent from or routed through other European Community countries, and last year they amounted to 40 per cent of the weight of drugs seized, Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written reply.

He said that the overall number of seizures last year showed an increase over the previous year of about 40 per cent: 40 per cent by weight for beroin: 50 per cent for cocaine and 130 per cent for cannabis resin.

BR borrowing powers up An Opposition motion in

the Commons on Wednesday night, condemning the Government's approach to British Rail and London Underground, was rejected by 259 votes to 212 - Government majority, 47.

During the debate, Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Public Transport, announced an increase of £220 million in British Rail borrowing powers, to enable it to press ahead with invest-ment, including that on the

Reunification for Germany Britain was pledged, by

long-standing agreements, to support German reunification, but the concern had been to have a proper frameof security and stability in Europe, Mrs Thatcher said at question time.

Ship subsidy The maximum level of

subsidy for merchant ships will be reduced from 26 per cent to 20 per cent as from January 1 this year, Mr Douglas Hogg, Minister for Industry, said in a written

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private member's Bill: Sexual Of-

Opposition debate: South Africa

Government 'must reserve the right to lift sanctions' important. Prosperity would not be restored by unilateral action by Britain on this question.

The following report of later speeches in a Commons debate on an Oppo-sition motion on the Government's South Africa policy appeared in later

If the United Kingdom failed to reach agreement with its EC partners on sanctions against South Africa, "the Government must reserve its rights to act on its own", Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, For-eign Office, said. "That is the legal

Winding up the debate, he said that Winding up the debate, he said that EC sanctions had been designed to bring about multiracial dialogue in South Africa and to say that lifting them must wait for the repeal of the Group Areas Act and other pillars of anotherical case or microplasts of the control of the contr apartheid was a misunderstan

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A South African Government spokesman had said that negotiations would be about removal of what remained of apartheid and about universal suffrage in a united South Africa. "If that is not putting the pillars of apartheid on the table, I don't know what is."

Earlier, Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on foreign af-fairs, said that for the Foreign Secretary to plan a reasonable programme for lifting sauctions and pressures was a sensible response to change, but he did object to its being done prematurely and not in concert with Britain's European and other

President de Klerk had brought hant an entermons improvement, but about an enormous improvement, but there was still anxiety that, just as when Dr Botha had promised change, nothing would be done in the end. Every section of white opinion, even those who did not agree with the imposition of sanctions, acknowledged that international pressures had played their part in bringing about the change.

He could not find anyone in the black community who believed that the Prime Minister had not hindered that change. That was unfair. Her private pressures had been helpful. private pressures had been herpful.

Nelson Mandela was the one
person who could remite the black
movement, as it must be remited.
There would be immease pressure
from young people in South Africa to
move quickly.

Mr Bernie Grant (Tottenham,
Lab), just back from South Africa,

said that unless something of sub-stance was done quickly there would be an almighty bloodbath there. He had seen a perfectly peaceful rally being fired on by the security forces. The continuation of the state of emergency allowed such atrocities because it empowered the police and

security forces to act without accountability. That was why the ANC called for the cancellation of the state of emergency and why it was a pre-requisite for talks.

Mrs Thatcher sought to make petty distinctions between different kinds of sanctions. "But to the man on the or sanctions. "But to the man on the omaibus in Soweto, or on the train going into Johannesburg, these dis-tinctions do not really mean much." For the British Prime Minister to talk about removing sanctions was to "It seems that the Prime Minister

wishes to see the mass democratic movement going naked into the negotiating chamber." Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said that blacks in South Africa did not want to have a vote on empty bellies. If sanctions had had any

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab), chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, said that the Prime Minister's egocentric way had cast her in the role of the Wicked Fairy in Snow White, looking in the mirror to see who was the cleverest of them all. She had colluded with

oppression.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that he was mystified by the Government's policy and could not support it. Judging by the wording of its amendment to the motion one would think there was little to be contentious about in South Africa, where some 80 per cent of the population was deprived of civil

Apartheid was an evil and wicked doctrine used by anworthy people to justify retention of power by a minority who used whips and dogs against those who protested. It deprived the majority of the vote and the right to live where they chose in the name of racial superiority. It

was contemptible. He would have

expected better from his own Govern-

effect, it had been to impoverish the black population.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen Ministers had applied the few

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Ministers had applied the few sanctions timidly and half-heartedly. At the first sign of their working they were being withdrawn. The Government's policy had not brought about a chance of policy by President de Klerk. Ministers made themselves look foolish when they asserted

The Government had no interest in propping up a doomed regime. It should put its money on Mr Mandela and give him the help he required to bring peace, reconciliation and democracy to this great African

Stortford, C) said that this was not the time to talk of loosening sanctions. They should be encouraging everybody in South Africa who wanted evolution to democracy. Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP,

a former Foreign Secretary, said that the Council of Ministers in Dublin would not dream of lifting sanctions while there was any continuation of

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and

which has done so much damage to them." In that context the Prime Minister's invitation to Mr Mandela to visit this country was naive and The Opposition motion was rejected by 278 votes to 214 — Government majority, 64 — and the amendment was agreed without

The Government is considering proposals to strengthen and clarify the responsibilities of retailers in the sale of tobacco to youngsters under 16, Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State,

debate in the Commons. ready, he said, but the Government would introduce its proposals as soon as a suitable legislative vehicle was available. He added that was unlikely to be in the present parliamentary

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"This 'teeny' trade is worth

Move on tobacco sales to young

The good news was that fewer children were smoking. Latest statistics showed that in 1984, the figure was 8 per cent.

More power for MPs on EC

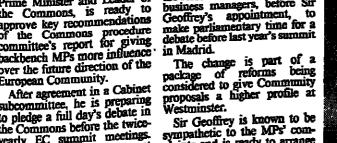
By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Commons, is ready to approve key recommendations of the Commons procedure committee's report for giving backbench MPs more influence over the future direction of the over the future direction of the European Community.

subcommittee, he is preparing to pledge a full day's debate in the Commons before the twiceyearly EC summit meetings. They would replace the present system of debates on White Papers on developments in the Community Ministers will be expected to provide an outline of the sum-

mit agenda before the debate to give MPs the opportunity to declare their views on the key It will put pressure on Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her Cabinet to reflect the majority view of MPs on such issues as

the speed towards European



plaints and is ready to arrange for more general debates on EC In particular, he is determined that the Commons examination of EC proposals should be more forward-look-

ing, to replace the present system, which, MPs complain, Sir Geoffrey: Ready to aptends to be reactive, carrying little influence on the final laws. No decision has been reached yet by the Cabinet sub-committee, chaired by Sir Geoffrey, on the committee's call for



prove recommendations. examine EC proposals on agriculture, trade and industry, Treasury, transport and en-

vironment; and general issues. they will hat five standing committees. The But it has conceded the need backbenchers the report's recommendation proposed committees would for a more thorough scrutiny of committees. backbenchers to sit on the new

EC draft laws by having evidence-taking sessions, building on the standing committee The main business in the Com-Like the committee, Sir Geoffirey is opposed to setting up a select committee on European affairs similar to the House of Private Bills.

Lords committee, which is sug-gested by the former Leader of the House, Mr John Biffen. Sir Geoffrey is understood to have been persuaded by argu-ments against the idea put by Mr Terence Higgins, chairman of the Commons liaison committee. However, he wants to encourage the present network of Commons select committees to take a greater interest in

sponse to the report has been layed because the changes are fundamental to the working of Parliament and involve most departments. But it is expected to be published before Easter. Discussions with the whips will also be necessary because they will have to find enough

The Government's formal re-

Community-wide policies.

Parliament next week

mons next week will be: Monday: Debate on SNP mo-tion on the ambulance dispute.

pany. Motion on the Clergy (Ordination) Measure. Wednesday: Debate on Commons procedure. Government Trading Bill, remaining stages. Thursday: Debate on East-West

> charter. Tuesday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, report, first day. Wednesday: Debate on manu facturing industry. Abortion (Amendment) Bill, committee. Thursday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, report, second day.

Tuesday: Debates on Oppo-sition motion on the effects of electricity privatization and on the Royal Shakespeare Com-

Friday: Private members' Bills: Rights of Way (Agricultural Land) Bill and Access to Health Records Bill, second readings. The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Food Safety Bill, third reading. Debate on EC social

Home Office, said in a late night The legislation was not yet

He was replying to a debate initiated by Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab), who said that the 1986 Act prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to youngsters was being cynically circumvented by the industry and flouted by re-

£70 million a year to the tobacco trade. The Government has failed to lift a finger to enforce the 1986 Act which was passed

Nobody is being deterred. The trade is treating Parliament with contempt and is threatening the health of the next generation."

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Mr Lloyd said that selling cigarettes to youngsters was deeply irresponsible. It was for the police and local authority trading standards officers to enforce the law. Both had powers, duties and responsibilities, but he accepted that they were unevenly applied.

13 per cent of under-16s admitted smoking; by 1986 it had fallen to 10 per cent, and in 1988 The Department of Health was launching a £2 million

campaign to reduce the number of teenage smokers, with the aim of cutting the figure by a third by 1994. In addition, the tobacco trade was spending £1 million to inform retailers about

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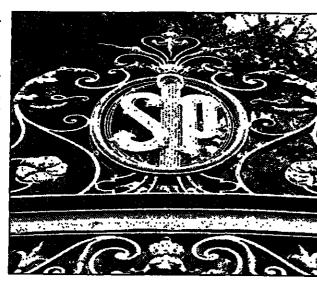
Has the Perrier bubble burst?

errier was first mar-keted at the turn of the century as "the Champagne of Table Waters", and its success ever since has been associated with an image of sparkling purity. But yes-terday, as tens of millions of bottles were being pulled off shop shelves throughout the world because of a scare over benzine contamination, doubts were cast on whether it would ever again be possible to present it as the last name in

Source Perrier, the parent company, has made itself the most successful of mineral water firms by marketing what is essentially an idea. The fizzy water it draws from a spring at Vergeze, near Nimes, costs only pence to bottle — but commands £2.35 at the Ritz.

During the past 10 years Perrier has led a boom in the sales of mineral water, exploiting a public mood for healthy living and becoming a status symbol along with the Porsche and the Filofax. Keen to associate itself with healthy living, Source Perrier, has sponsored sporting events throughout the world, including the New York marathon. And backed by shrewd promotion, Perrier water has come to symbolize a lifestyle. As the inventors of the advertising campaign said:
"The key task was to make the cynical British public pay for bottled water.

The advertisers succeeded. For consumers, the mention of Perrier evokes an image of water gushing from mountains. The truth is less picturesque - the area of western Provence where the spring is situated is mostly flat.



Yesterday, at the Hôtel Bar des Sports, near the source, mineral water of any brand was not much in demand. But lunchtime drinkers passed their own boozy vote of confidence in a drink which has put their town on the man (though it remains difficult to swimming among the "great convince them that there are white sharks" of capitalism? people who will happily pay the price of a perfectly decent bottle of Beaujolais for a glass of the pride of Vergèze). the past 40 years and more by

Indeed, the citizens appeared resolutely unconcerned by the great brouhaha over the enforced withdrawal of 160 million bottles from world markets.

If ever there was a company town, it is here: Source Perrier provides work for about 3,300 people, and on the evidence of yesterday's mini-invasion by journalists, they are both proud and happy to be be working for the company.

tor of human resources, they are positively bursting to get production back up to normal. So what about the Communist Party pickets outside the plant, distributing leaflets accusing Source Perrier of Well, it is certainly a paternalistic company, run for

the patrician Gustave Leven, aged 75, whose family owns a substantial block of shares in the business On Wednesday, it was Leven's misfortune to collide with the Parisian Press out for blood at what some believe to have been the first formal news conference the famously

secretive company has ever organized A pleasant-looking, apple cheeked man, he seemed disconcerted by the ferocity of

It is the most famous of the designer waters, the symbol of chic - and, as of this week, the latest product to be taken from the world's supermarket shelves

because of health fears. Now Perrier faces its toughest trial of public confidence. Jamie Dettmer and Philip Jacobson report

unruly corps assembled at Perrier headquarters on the Rue de Courcelles.

Insiders say it was, however, entirely in character for Leven to refuse to comment on the inquiry on the Paris Bourse (stock exchange) into suspiciously heavy trading of Perrier shares immediately before the furore became public knowledge. "We are talking about a company which has never before considered it necessary to keep shareholders, let alone journalists, properly informed of its actions," said one Bourse informant.

Back in Vergèze, locals were expressing total confidence in Perrier's ability to bounce back. But advertising agencies were divided as to the mineral water market one of the most competitive in food and drink retailing.

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companies which have suf-fered health scares in the past have found that a comeback is not easy. One company selling tinned salmon took 11 years to regain its market position after a contamination problem which led to the withdrawal of all of its supplies from shops for two

nexpected snags

backs, too. In one contamination scare, the Safeway supermarkets chain failed to check its adverts and was embarrassed by its slogan of "Everything you want from a store and a little bit more".

Senior managers at Source whether it would be able to Perrier were already planning reclaim its leading position in a new marketing strategy as the mineral water market — Leven announced in Paris the decision to withdraw the entire world stock. They had Several food and drink been preparing for the worst

contamination problem ap-peared last weekend, when traces of benzene were discovered in supplies in the American state of North Carolina. Within hours, Source Perrier had instructed subsidiaries in Europe to monitor customer reaction to the scare on a daily basis through market research

Like any other successful enterprise in a competitive market, Perrier has always been quick to recognize chang-ing consumer tastes and aspirations. From the moment of the commercial launch in 1903, it has believed that selling its product is a matter of marketing an image, a concept. One current advertisement talks about Perrier personifying "French-ness, style and fun".

The original launch, masterminded by St John Harmsworth, an Englishman who had bought the spring at Vergèze from Dr Louis Perrier, was carefully designed to appeal to the upper and military classes, in France and throughout the British Empire. Clubs and officers' messes were the target - hence the "the Champagne of Table Waters"

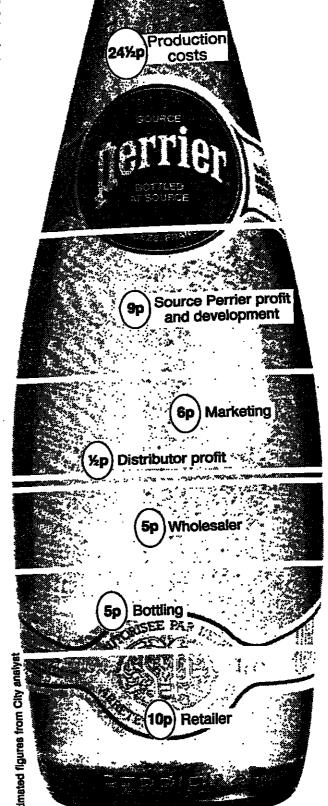
Great thought was also given to the design of the bottle. St John Harmsworth, the brother of Daily Mail founder Lord Northcliffe, wanted a distinctive shape that would stand out anywhere. He eventually modelled a bottle on the Indian clubs he used for exercising, but gave it a more graceful neck. Since then, astute marketing and aggressive advertising has been the hallmark of the Perrier operation.

n Britain, through its advertising agency Leo Burnett, it has been responsible for one of the most successful television advertising campaigns. Based on the "Eau" theme, it has led the way in food and drink marketing. "H2Eau" and "Picasseau" adverts have encouraged consumers to buy, while at the same time displaying a pleasing wit.

Advertising experts, both in the United Kingdom and in the United States, believe that Perrier will be able to continue with the theme. "Once the new supplies have come in. I expect them to advertise heavily," said Simon Taylor, strategy director of Ogilvy & Mather public relations. "I don't see why they should not they will have to review them carefully to make sure there is nothing in them which could remind consumers of the ben-

dvising firms on crisis management, believes that Pernier can weather the problem as long as it is quick to keep the public informed about the contamination. "The key thing is to be truthful from the start. They must not go into the bunker. At the moment they seem to be doing

everything right." In America, The New York Times devoted an editorial to a comparison between Exxon and Perrier last week, and praised Perrier's approach. "A company that respects the public's growing concerns for human health and the environment serves society and



60p

Taylor, who specializes in Putting a fizz in the balance sheet: how Perrier makes its profit from a bottle of water sold for 60p at a typical supermarket

loss in public trust. Perrier seems to have grasped this point; Exxon has not."

While Perrier continues with its crisis management, other mineral water firms are keeping a low profile, worried that consumer fears about Perrier could damage their own sales. Neither Cadbury Schweppes, which markets Malvern water, nor Nestle (Ashbourne water), is planning to increase advertising. Belgium Spa and the British Highland Spring, too, are

reluctant to capitalize on Per-rier's catastrophe. itself," the newspaper said. "A company that appears to treat to four weeks before Perrier is

them casually risks a heavy back on the shelves and maybe longer before a new advertising campaign has been devised, the company has no plans to concentrate harder on marketing its lesser known waters, Buxton, Volvic, Vichy, Contrexéville, and San Pellegrino.

But the marketing and financial implications, big news on the Bourse and in Madison Avenue, passed more or less without comment in the Cafe des Sports. Its ramifications seem very far away down the depths of Provence, where Perrier drinkers of whatever nationality would stick out like a sore

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ast month, I went on a Perrier pilgrimage to Vergèze, just south of Nimes in Provence. I arrived on a Saturday; the gates of the bottling factory were closed until Monday. Retreating to Nimes and the Tarterie O Delices in the Place aux Herbes in Nimes, I ordered a Perner to wash down my tarte aux poires crème d'anande and was regarded with disdain. "One does not drink Perrier a midi. It is trop gazeux. One drinks Badoit," said

the owner. At dinner, in La Belle Respire, tucked away off the shady Rue de l'Etolle, I ordered Perner. The patron frowned and brought me Badoit. It was as if, even in January, the French already

knew something was up.
Behind the green gates of the Source Perrier, emblazoned with the mystic letters SP, the bottling fac-tory is a model of hushed automation. At one end of the immense green palace, sand is pumped in and molten sheaves of glass squirt out of an oven at the rate of 120,000 an hour; at the other, they emerge rinsed, filled, tapped, la-belled, boxed, mackin-toshed in polythene, crated and finally entrained — all virtually untouched by hu-

Courteous robots on wheels with photo-electric beacons for noses waitz armies of bottles across the

TOWN IN A BOTTLE

Perrier quarries its own sand, manufactures its own caps, labels, and cardboard for packaging, and began making its own bottles in 1973. Vergeze now produces 20 per cent of the nation's glass and boasts the only factory in the world to combine classworks and to combine glassworks and bottling plant under one roof: from start to finish, the transformation of sand into Perrier takes just five hours. is this high level of ficiency that enabled the company to increase its production from 20 million bottles in 1948 to 1.2 billion

The revolving vat where Perrier is injected into the bottles is fed by two pipes. "Both pipes reach deep down into the earth." the factory guide said. "From



floor. They are programmed Water joke: the Perrier touch

one we take the gas and throw the water away. From the other, we take the water and throw the gas away. Then here we reintegrate

the two to produce Perrier." There is a rational explanation for such extravagant ingenuity: the water in its original effervescent state has too many bubbles - 3.5 litres of gas to one litre of water. To prevent the bottle exploding, the bubbles are redistributed: nature must be supplemented by art.

The factory tourist is not allowed to to see the source itself. Jean-Pierre Leenhardt, Perrier's export manager, led me into the garden of a nearby château containing a circular pavillon. It was here, he assured me, that Pernier sprang from the earth and was piped directly into the factory. I pressed my nose up against it and peered within. The frosted glass walls were as smooth and opaque as the alien monolith in 2001. I couldn't see a thing. I couldn't even hear a gurgle.

Jacques Derrida, the French philosopher, once observed: "You want to get back from the supplement to the source, but you are forced to recognize that there is nothing but supplement at the source." I can't help wondering if he once visited the Source Perrier.

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FRIDAY PAGE

s far as one can tell from television accounts, Nelson Mandela listens carefully and watches intensely. He seems to be trying to find his bearings. It is the closest we've seen, I should think, to a Rip Van Winkle. When Mandela was put to

sleep, Khrushchev was still in power, the Tonkin Gulf resolution had not taken place, nor the Prague Spring, nor the mo-mentous Civil Rights legislation of 1964 in the United States. He would have seen nothing of Brezhnev, the demoniac hysteria of

Cultural Revolution, or Pol Pot. To emerge from the dark after such a hellishly long time requires a little period of adjustment, even for a very quick and clever man such as he. Just to take one obvious example, the upheavals in Eastern Europe need to be seen in the context of a 35-year struggle against Communism since the twentieth Party Congress. Still, this extraordinary man seems to

be learning at a galloping rate.
But are we in the West learning? After listening to the acrimonious exchanges in the House of Commons this week, one simply despairs. This is a week in which we have seen the white South African government do what we thought was beyond hope: namely, acknowledge that within a few years, South Africa would no

'Every now and then, human beings reach for the sun in a profound way'

longer be ruled by a white major-ity; accept that there would be no more elections for whites only; legalize dozens of political parties and groups swom to destroy the very government legalizing them; and finally, set Mandela free. The point is not that this is all decades overdue, which it is; the point is that a new president, only a year in power, has let the genie of black majority rule out of the bottle, and South Africa can never be the

Why on earth has de Klerk done this? Why is he trying to dismantle apartheid? Why is he legalizing parties committed to destroying every institution that props up his regime? When asked these questions (as he was this week on American television), his answers are oblique. But I think one has to assume that he is a man of some decency and, as Nelson Mandela put it, integrity. He also understands that this period in history is a rotten one for tyranny. Just as the spirit of self-determ-

ination swept Europe in 1848, so a great yearning for liberty swept the world in 1989. These waves in history can be reduced to all sorts of explanations, but in the end they are irresistible. Just as monarchs tried to stand in their way in 1848, so the odd tyranny - in China or Albania - will survive, temporarily, in 1990. But history always throws up the men who try to harness change in a relatively peaceful manner, and so far we have seen two such men — Mikhail Gorbachov and F.W. de

The motives of such men may be mixed. They are not all of a piece. They may want to retain as much power and privilege for their own group or party as they can. They most certainly want to avoid massive bloodshed, and make the transition as painless for everyone as possible. They exist, however, only because the times allow them to do so. The policies of President de Kierk would have turned to



BARBARA AMIEL

he tried them before 1989. Until very recently, it would have been utterly suicidal for the whites in South Africa to have let go and negotiated with the African National Congress.

The reasons for this are straight-

forward: till now, the very legiti- South Africa into a worse society mate demands of the ANC to end apartheid had come packaged in Communist brutality and radical-ism. Now that the world has been able to see the sheer horror of this applied Marxism, there is some hope for creating a free and prosperous South Africa.

Today, the ANC may greet each other with raised fists and a salutation of "power", but Marxism's virulence has, for the moment, passed. As it is, there are two strands in the ANC, if you strip away all of the banners and rhetoric. There is that strand that coincides with the ideas of every decent person in the world, namely, the notion of racial equality and full civil rights. Then there is the second strand, which is preaching black dominance, black

racism and Marxist-Leninism. The first is a perfectly benign strand, and it was criminal and foolish to resist it. The second is a deadly strand, the dominance of which is guaranteed to make

than it has ever been. One can only hope that its poisoned fangs have been taken out by recent events in the rest of the world. The key now is with which strand Nelson Mandela allies himself. Will he be a force for good or bad? There is every reason to believe, on the basis of his very quick recognition of the circumstances, that he is likely to ally himself with the good strand rather than the

The responsibility of the rest of the world, of course, is to encourage the best impulses in both Mandela and de Klerk. One is almost embarrassed to outline these matters, which seem so selfevident. But after listening to the mud-slinging between Labour and

bad. In which case, there is some hope for South Africa. Otherwise,

no matter which side wins, all is

Conservatives in the Commons this week, perhaps it is necessary. The names de Klerk, Gorbachov and Mandela are not

absolute synonyms for good or bad. They are simply names. At best, they are descriptive terms for policies. What makes sense is a show of support for each name to match every concession they make. The ANC must be encouraged to rid itself of extreme Marxist demands that Britain's Labour Party has long put to rest. De Klerk must be encouraged, by a graduated removal of sanctions, to continue the steps forward. Sanctions can always be reapplied for bad behaviour.

Party politics are a fact of life and I suppose we shall see the leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister baiting each other, no matter what the issue. But every now and then, perhaps a hundred or more years apart, human beings reach for the sun in the most profound way. A true democracy is a profoundly good institution, one that is in all our interests, not least of all because I cannot think of a single occasion in which two liberal or social democracies have gone to war against each other. Nothing reduces conflict in the world more than a system in which the people run their own affairs. It would be an eclipse of the human condition to see South Africa exchange white Fascism for black Fascism. Couldn't Westminster and Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, just for once, put everything else aside?

With this cop-out I thee wed

he real-life soap op-era scheduled to hit vised divorce courts Shortly, starring Donald and Ivana Trump, has one theme, besides that of the eternal triangle, which is becoming increasingly relevant to Britain.

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The premarital contract, which he believes to be his trump card, is still relatively unknown here, and virtually unenforceable. But the Law Society's matrimonial law committee has just been examining the case for premarital contracts, and is recommending a proposal that the law be reconsidered to make them a more attractive proposition for anyone entering a marriage of true minds,

Many members of this premarital agreements. organization of elite matrimonial lawyers from Britain, most Continental countries, the Continent and North and in Scandinavia they are America, believe the har- strictly enforceable. In France monization is necessary, be- every marriage has, in effect, a cause of the increasing incid- premarital contract because ence of "mixed" marriages people have to elect whether between people of different to be married under joint or countries, and the increasingly cosmopolitan nature of

Donald Trump is the billionaire property developer whose wife, and supposed professional partner ("supposed", because she supposed mittee is only in favo she was, although he now claims she wasn't) could have tain safeguards have been

From Onassis to Trump, premarital contracts set marriage's rules — except in England. Victoria McKee reports

his riches, under New York's "equitable distribution" laws. agreement, which the Trumps updated every few years, she should get a divorce settle-ment of less than \$20 million (£11.8 million) — plus only one of their three luxury homes and no share of the

"There's not very much regard in England for the premarital contract," says Peter Grose-Hodge, an officer

"They are a fact of life in sure can be proved". separate property agreements Under Scottish law premarital agreements are now one of the factors which a court must take into consideration. Eng-

The matrimonial law committee is only in favour of such contracts provided cer-

demanded a sizeable chunk of attached, Grose-Hodge explains. "It is being argued that premarital agreements would not be looked at unless both parties had been independently advised after full disclosure of all assets, as is the case in Canada. We would also say that unless the agree-

ment makes provision for the

birth of a child, that should

Under New York state law - and each state in the United States is a law unto itself when it comes to marriage and but unequal assets.

Of the IAML and a member of divorce — premarital agree— law solicitor and an officer of the Law Society's matrimonial ments are "legal and binding, the IAML, agrees with law committee. "But, as the monial Lawyers is debating social climate changes, and according to Fern Shair says, if Ivana Trump was her whether to urge the harmonization of international salaries, the courts are looking of the Association of the Bar laws on premarital contracts.

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> Sussman emphasizes that the female spouse usually ends allowed her to believe she was up with less than a third of the his partner. If a man had taken California's community prop-"The Trump case is particu-

larly fascinating, because it is a parody of the situation that too often affects ordinary women who have worked all husbands' business and sud-

able them to get another job." Ivana Trump used to boast that her salary, when her husband created her president of the Plaza Hotel, was only \$1 a year and all the dresses she could buy. Grose-Hodge believes it is irrelevant that her salary was only \$1 a year, as "her husband paid all the bills

But Sussman argues differently. "Enormous wealth can mask an issue that, to women in less favourable financial circumstances, is very important. Wives should make sure they get a fair wage for the work they do for their husbands, so they can accrue money in their own name and have a measure of their worth for the courts to judge."

Margaret Bennett, a family because of the derisory dollar-"under equitable distribution her husband must have property, not half as under the dollar salary everyone would clearly have believed

they were partners." Perhaps the most famous premarital contract was that between Jacqueline Kennedy and Aristotle Onassis, which limited her share of his their married lives in their mooted multi-billion pound estate to a share in a \$20 dealy find themselves with no million trust fund and just job, very little money and no under £1 million from his will. salary history which will en-



A marriage made in settlement? Jacqueline Kennedy wed Aristotle Onassis — and a multi-million pound premarital contract

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Heathcote Williams's evocative elegy, Whale Nation, has already alerted many people to the crisis facing the world's largest mammal. It has been published in book form and performed at sell-out readings around the country by Wilhams himself, and actor Roy Hutchins. Now the epic poem - which first conjures up the relaxed, playful lifestyle of the whale and then moves to a shocking description of how many meet their doom — is available on cassette and compact disc, recited by Hutchins. Whale Nation is available on the Discafrique label at £6 on cassette and £7.50 on compact disc. For the same price (plus £1.90 for postage and packing), the recitation can be bought through the Whale & Dolphin Conserva-tion Society, 20 West Lea Road, Bath, Avon BA1 3RL.

Heat for home

Having trouble finding a way to heat your home with solar power? The Women's Environmental Network and the Centre for Alternative Technology have the answer. learn to build your own heating system on a residential weekend course (February 23-25) at the centre's headquarters in Wales. Visitors will learn about the centre's work, take a guided tour of the displays of wind, solar and water power, and experience the realities of low-energy buildings and organic gardening. There are also lectures on homoeopathy, suggestions for children's environmental projects, and slide shows. The Women's Weekend is featured in the centre's programme of residential courses; for details, contact the centre at Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9AZ (0654 2400).



A plot for life

Self-sufficiency is popular once again - and even towndwellers are discovering that "the good life" isn't an impossible quest. With the help of "The Forest Garden", a new booklet, even small plots can be transformed with species of fruit and nut trees, fruit bushes and climbers, perennials and medicinal herbs, creating a self-regulating eco-system which, after about two years, requires minimum maintenance. Everything recommended has been chosen for self-fertilization, selfwatering, self-mulching, selfpollinating and self-healing. The booklet, complete with a list of plant suppliers, is available by mail for £2.50 paste comes in mint, lemon and femal flavour from the Institute of Social Inventions, 24 Albertom Place, London NW8 9XP.

Tissue issue

Expect to be collared in your local high street tomorrow by ers keen to instill in consumers and bottles still have trouble the idea that buying recycled paper for the home isn't as environmentally friendly as it seems. The "Recycled Paper Day of Action" focuses on "the tissue issue" - the fact that most recycled toilet paper is made from high-quality paper pulp (requiring office and computer paper, which are in scant supply), rather than the lower standard generated from recycled news-papers. It observes: "The grade of paper used in toilet paper production is of a much higher quality than is necessary or appropriate for

ECOSPHERE something that is going to go straight down the pan." FoE's advice is to look for off-white News on recycled paper, generally environmental available at health food outlets, although "natural" rolls are available in bulk (price £8.70 for 36 rolls) through Traidcraft, Kingsway, Gates-head, Tyne & Wear, NE11 ONE. Write for a catalogue, or phone 091 491051.

Green teeth?

Most toothpaste brands sold in the UK contain artificial flavourings, colourings, sweeteners and preservatives. They may also have been tested on animals. However, manufacturers aren't obliged by law to make any of these disclosures on their packaging. Kingfisher Natural Toothpaste is a natural, cruelty-free brand now available through branches of Asda, Safeway and Sainsbury, as well as the usual health food store outlets. Priced at 94p for 50ml or £1.77 for 125ml, the toothand fennel flavour.

Can plan Each year, Britons get through six billion cans of drinks -

most of which, when empty, go straight in the dustbin. Yet many householders who trot Friends of the Earth support-off dutifully with waste papers finding a skip in which to deposit steel and aluminium cans, enabling these valuable resources to be recovered by industry. The Can Makers' information service has published a booklet, "Are You Green About Recycling?", which explains collection schemes up and down the country, and helps readers locate their nearest skip or recovery centre. Send an sae to The Can Makers, 36 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W OEB for the free booklet.

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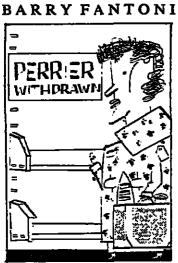
book to be published next week will reveal for the first time the names of the shadowy men and women behind Labour's slick advertising effort of recent years, long a subject of speculation in agency circles. When Labour began to plan its strategy for the last general election, it quickly realized that it did not have the cash to employ a ton-flight agency to rival the to employ a top-flight agency to rival the Tories' Saatchi and Saatchi. It employed Philip Gould, a young and sympathetic communications expert, to put together a "Shadow Communications Agency" of media and advertising professionals who would give their services free of charge. It was later calculated that Labour's use of such free advice saved the party more than

£500,000 at the last election, and the same method is likely to reap an even bigger saving next time. The book, Labour Rebuilt, by my press gallery colleagues Patrick Wintour and Colin Hughes, reveals that the advertising team included Peter Herd, Alan Till and Paul Leeves from the agency Boase Massimi

Pollitt, which ran Ken Livingstone's anti-abolition campaign at the GLC, Richard Faulkner of Westminster Communications, Leslie Butterfield of the Abbott Meade David Vickers agency, and Colin Fisher of the Strategic Research Unit. Most influential of the lot, however, is probably the former managing director of Boase Massimi Pollitt, Chris Powell. But then, he comes from an influential family. His brother, Charles, works in Downing Street as private secretary to Margaret Thatcher.

f Perrier is no longer fit to drink, what price London tap water? Labour's David Blunkett reports that for some time his guide dog, Offa, has been feeling distinctly unwell during weekdays, when parliamentary duties require his presence in the capital. When the animal returns to Sheffield for the weekend, it immediately perks up again. Blunkett is convinced it is the water and tells me that he has this week been offering the dog bowls of milk instead. He is now threatening to start importing cannisters of pure Yorkshire into London when he travels down on Monday mornings.

Teil Thorne, the Conservative MP for Ilford South, yesterday reported back from his visit to Romania under the auspices of the Inter Parliamentary Union. The Romanians, he said, were very excited at the prospect of free elections on May 20 and the opportunity to elect their leaders. But, Thorne fears, many have still not fully grasped what it means to live in a democracy. Several he spoke to innocently assumed that they were electing a government to serve for the next 40 years.



'Eauver reacting?'

The release of Nelson Mandela last Sunday proved timely for Ashok Kumar, who on the same day became the first new black candidate selected by the Labour Party since the last general election. Kumar was chosen to fight the marginal seat of Langbaurgh in Cleveland, currently held by the Tory MP Richard Holt with a majority of just 2,000. He won the vote by the narrowest of margins, and party members are convinced the emotion of the day contributed to the decision. The move has delighted black campaigners, who had begun to despair of a single black candidate being chosen before the next election. They point out that at three by-elections in this Parliament, Kensington, Vauxhall and now Mid Staffordshire. Labour has dropped a black candidate who had either fought the seat at the previous election or been the favoured choice of local party members.

be Conservative Friends of The Morning Star is, perhaps, one of the more unlikely pressure groups to be found at Westminster, but I learn that Tory MPs John Biffen and Edward Leigh have joined the campaign to raise £150,000 to save the Communist newspaper, which is in dire financial straits since the Kremlin slashed its bulk order. Meanwhile, Tory MP Nicholas Bennett has amended a Labour motion of support for the paper to urge upon it a greater understanding of market forces. What he doesn't say is that his grandfather was features editor in the days when the paper was *The Daily Worker*.

t is impossible not to feel the most acute sympathy for Chris Patten. The game of "pass the poli-tax parcel" has been long and tortuous. But the music has stopped and the Environment Secretary has a

time-bomb ticking in his lap. He had no part in lighting the fuse, but the fizzing of the fuse before the detonation can now be heard as the forecast figures of the community charge start to surface.

The full force of explosion,

however, will not come until next month, when the first community charge bills start to fall through letter boxes. He must be benefit all his efforts at the moment to the trainer to terrore. the moment to trying to temper the events that will follow.

Is there anything at all that can be done at this late stage? Certainly, we can expect no further concessions from the Treasury; John Major has more than enough problems already. In any case, to throw another billion or two on top of the £4 hillion the Government has already made available to soften the worst effects of the charge would be simply to throw good money after bad. Public resent-ment of a tax which will be from about £300 to £600 per head will certainly not be softened by a sop

Michael Mates advises an eleventh-hour change of policy

Defusing the poll tax bomb

of £30 or £40, while releasing more spending power simply makes harder the already difficult task of bringing down nflation.

The problem is that virtually no local authority will be able to match the Government's stated targets, largely because they were based on an inflation rate of 4 per cent, which everyone knows is pie in the sky.

So it is not just a question of local authorities overspending, although there is no doubt that some have taken the opportunity of a change in the system to hide unwarranted extra expenditure behind a new and unfamiliar charge, reckoning that the Government will bear the odium for introducing the new tax, rather than they for overspending. In this judgement they are probably right. In any case, by legislation passed in the last year, central government has forced extra expenditure on local authorities without any compensating increase in central grant. Local management of schools, which will be expensive to implement initially, is but one such example of many.

Now the Government pro-

poses a system of communitycharge capping of the highest spending councils, similar to the rate-capping experiment. Had rate capping been as successful as the Government hoped, there would have been much less reason to abolish the rating system in the first place. But it did not work. Even the draconian Scottish legislation did not work. The Secretary of State for Scotland was given precise pow-ers to fix the exact level of expenditure of every Scottish authority - he could go as far as forcing them to refund excess rates - but even this attempt to control local expenditure was

The problem with capping the community charge is that the more strictly it is imposed the

more the Government may be exposed to lengthy and expensive challenges in the courts. In disadvantaged and to the poorest addition, if an overspending council's charge is capped - reduced, say, from £600 to £500 - the Government implicitly concedes that the lower charge is acceptable, so underwrites it as a

starting point for future years.

The logic underlying the community charge is theoretically impeccable: everyone should contribute to the local services that we enjoy, so that domestic ratepayers and the business community are not unfairly discriminated against. The introduction of a universal charge brings full accountability; and, above all, it exposes highspending, left-wing Labour councils for the wastrels they are.

The fundamental unfairness of a flat-rate charge was, at the outset, seen as the essential ingredient to make the urban poor think before voting. But those were the heady days of injustice being done to the disadvantaged and to the poorest of the poor forced the Government to make its first concessions. Then came the phasing, the safety-nets and subventions from the Exchequer. We are on a slippery slope, and level ground not yet in sight.

The community cannot be trusted with the community charge. Far from not understanding what it is all about but accepting the argument of justice and accountability, the community understands all too well what is going on, has a distinct feeling of unease that it is not fair, and is laying the blame squarely at the door not of the local authorities who are raising the tax, but of the Government which invented it.

There is still time to salvage the Government's reputation. As I argued in these columns last month, one way to do this is to bear some of the burden cen-

traily. There is now a strong tide of feeling on the Tory backbenches that supports transfer of some or all of education financing away from local authorities. Provided that all the savings are passed on to the communitycharge payers, this need not be inflationary, and might bring the charge down to a reasonable level. Indeed, there is an important point here about infla-tion: the community charge will add about I per cent to the Retail Prices Index. Increase in central taxation adds nothing. Of one thing I am certain: to

do nothing is not an option. All of us grumble about our taxes; that is only human nature. But we are a law-abiding nation and we pay our car tax, or television licence fees — even our VAT - because, having grumbled, we acknowledge that they are, by and large, reasonable. What is worrying is that so many people believe that this latest tax is set at an unreasonable level. and that it is unfair in its

implementation.
There is more resentment about this tax than about any policy that has gone before. The Government will ignore the growing anger at its peril.

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Beware the bear in retreat

James Sherr argues that troop

reductions in the Warsaw Pact do not eliminate the need for a

strong Western military alliance

re the tribulations of the Warsaw Pact part of a strategy, or simply a débacle? Has Mikhail Gorbachov been manipulating events or capitulating to them? When today's confusion dissipates, tomorrow's verdict is likely to be that Gorbachov abandoned his clients with forethought and calculation. This verdict is dangerously simplistic. An orderly withdrawal from Eastern Europe might have served Soviet interests, but today the Soviet Union is being routed. It is losing not only its clients, but its ability to control events. What is more, Gorbachov has received nothing in return. Nato may collapse, but it has not yet. And an "all-European security order" has neither been secured nor promised. None of this can be by design. Until last year, Gorba-chov always gambled flamboy-antly with what he could afford

speak of its failure. This failure is threefold. First, Gorbachov's intra-bloc policy has fallen to pieces. Gorbachov's initial aim was not to liquidate the Warsaw Pact, but to revitalize it. For at least two decades, the Soviet Union had been subsidizing its neighbours with cheap raw materials, settling for thirdrate manufactured goods in re-turn. Costly as this was, the Soviet Union tolerated it as the price for stability in Eastern Europe. By the early 1980s, it was clear that this arrangement had profited no one.

to lose, so it made sense to speak

of his strategy. Today we must

Gorbachov's solution to the problem was double-edged. On the one hand, he gave his clients leave to diverge from Soviet models and methods; on the other, he demanded economic results. New schemes to integrate Soviet and East European enterprises were imposed, but in the absence of massive Western assistance and meaningful economic reform, integration merely bound the halt to the blind. The policy was bound to end in disaster, and it has. The upheavals of 1989 are the legacy of the more permissive political environ-ment fostered by Gorbachov's policy, and of the more strenuous

economic conditions it brought. These upheavals were the fruit of Gorbachov's strategy to restructure East-West relations, the second area of failure. This project rested on the premise that the "image of the enemy" was essential to Nato's cohesion. Yet the same has always been true of the Warsaw Pact. Indeed, for the populations who bear the burden of these alliances, the enemy is the same: the Soviet Union. The difference between the alliances is not the identity of the enemy, but the nature of the threat Historically, Nato's cohesion has rested on a fear of war and Soviet invasion, while the Warsaw Pact has survived through fear of repression and armed Soviet intervention. Thanks to Gorbachov's "new

thinking", the threats have lost credibility. To the Western public, Gorbachov has come to symbolize liberalization and peace. But East Europeans were never so idealistic. To them, Gorbachov merely symbolized retrenchment, the primacy of domestic politics, and the need



for Western assistance. The Soviet shift to a less provocative military doctrine - the force reductions and the onset of the conventional arms talks - confirmed this impression. The shift away from militarism also confirmed that a return to armed intervention would wreck Gorbachov's idea of a common European home, and take perestroika down with it. In the words of a Polish dissident, "modern technology has become more

than Poland is" But Soviet clients were not abandoned simply in a fit of "new thinking". The third factor in the recent changes is that upheaval in Eastern Europe coincided with upheaval in the Soviet Union itself. Leonid Abalkin, the deputy prime min-

important to the Soviet Union

ister and Gorbachov's confidant. recently stated that "events in Vorkuta [the Soviet mining centre] concern us more than events in Berlin". And well they might. But few Leninists - and few who understand Russian history - would take on an external foe at a time when the

n sum, the Soviet Union is withdrawing from Eastern Europe because it must, not (as Russians put it) "for the sake of our blue eyes". For the time being, internal Soviet interests not only take precedence over external ones, but obscure them. But these external interests may resurface. A future Soviet leadership may act on different calculations of costs and benefits from those that

Gorbachov has so far followed What disciplines are needed to maintain this cost-benefit analysis in Europe's interests?

The first is the preservation of Nato as a serious military alliance. Military threats take time to counter. What is more, they are not absolute, but relative. threats, but not eliminate them. The Russians themselves have sought partial reductions in these forces, because the reach and accuracy of modern weapons makes all deployment very risky. Yet modern weapons also make forces very mobile. Long before their withdrawal was even mooted, Soviet tank divisions were expected to be able to travel 300-400 kilometres a day with all their equipment and arrive ready

Five times as much warning of Soviet attack will avail us little if our preparation time has increased by a factor of 10. The issue, therefore, is not whether we reduce defence spending, but how we reduce it. There is much to be said for reducing forces levels at present, but it would be folly to tear up the foundations of our defences by design or by

ur second goal must be to support those in Eastern Europe who are seeking to recover their military sovereignty. This enterprise is almost as vital to us as to them. The Warsaw Pact is not a mechanism for keeping Soviet troops in Eastern Europe, but for subordinating East European military establishments to the Soviet Union. Outside Romania, no Warsaw Pact government has exercised full control over its armed forces, and no Warsaw Pact army has been capable of defending its own country. Unless the new governments can exercise control of their own military installations, infrastructure and communications - and the loyalty of security forces and military commanders - the withdrawal of Soviet troops will have little military significance.

For these reasons, Moscow's call for the "politicization" of the two alliances should be treated with less rapture and more caution than hitherto. Nato performs a vital military . ine warsaw raci o contrast, is simply an instrument for limiting sovereignty. As such, it has always had a political character. It will not help the cause of democracy in Eastern Europe if the Soviet Union persuades Nato to equate alliances that are not equivalent and to legitimize what is illegitimate. It might not help the cause of stability or security either.

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War issues an ugly invitation in Kashmir

Karan Thapar on the pressure pushing India and Pakistan to fight war of words over Kashwar becoming Pakistan for India's Kashmiri Pakistan the smuggling of arms into India,

mir has in the past week escalated into armed skirmishes. Thousands of Pakistani Kashmiris have attempted to cross the border to assist the separatist struggle of their brothers in India. The Pakistanis regard them as Mujahidin guerrillas for the Muslim cause, and do not attempt to stop them. The Indians see them as infiltrators encouraged by Islamabad, and open fire. On at least two ions, such incidents have led to direct and continuous albeit limited - shooting between soldiers from each side. Exchanges of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops are neither uncommon nor necessarily a precursor of something worse (they are common, for example, in the icy heights of the Siachen glacier), but in the present circumstances, with minority governments and inflamed public opinion in both

inevitable?
Benazir Bhutto is at present walking a political tightrope. Her government is considered by the people to be inactive: after 14 months in office, excluding amendments and repeals, it has passed only one piece of legisla-tion, the June budget. Worse, it has lost ground to the opposition and been damaged by the

accusation that it is soft on India. The Kashmir issue provides an escape and a solution. After all, no government in Pakistan can ignore the trouble in Kashmir or the opportunity it gives to rescind the disputed accession of Kashmir to India in 1947, when Pakistan took over part of the region. By riding the crest of public opinion, Miss Bhutto can deflect attention from other problems. Domestic pressure is thus pushing her to take a strong stand, including, according to some reports, sanctuaries in

separatists, and the encouragement of the support offered by Pakistan's Kashmiris, Last week's skirmishes are not only a product of this policy, but a demonstration to the Pakistani people that the Bhutto govern-

ment is doing all it can. Yet outright war will not suit Miss Bhutto. The military bal-ance between India and Pakistan suggests that her army probably could not win. More critically, such a conflict could give the generals an upper hand over her civilian government, thus undermining her standing in the country and exacerbating Pakistan's internal ethnic troubles. However, it is far from clear that this subtlety is appreciated

in New Delhi. There, Pakistan's

political posture is interpreted as

support for - even encourage-

ment of - Kashmiri separatism.

The existence of separatist sanc-

tuaries on the Pakistan side, and

are increasingly identified as stoking the fires in the state, Even though the Indian government accepts that the origins of the problem in Kashmir are domestic, the more it resists internal solution, the more it is likely that outside interference will be blamed.

In these circumstances, V.P. Singh, the Indian Prime Minister, might allow himself to be "provoked" into a larger conflict. The Indian army is bigger, stronger and probably better equipped than that of Pakistan. A quick, easy victory would smash whatever support Pakistan gives the Kashmiri separatists (not to mention Sikh separatists), and for Singh it would be a political triumph, on the strength of which he could call a snap election with every likelihood of winning an outright majority. At the moment Singh's Janata Dal party has

seat Lok Sabha, and is dependent upon both Communists and Hindu chauvinists for SUPPORL

No doubt Singh is aware of such possibilities. But he must also be conscious of his government's commitment to improve the living standards of India's rural poor. That task is already bedevilled by a growing budgetary deficit. Ideally, he should be looking to the defence budget for savings. War would further undermine his development plans. Yet the precarious balance that the two sides are trying to maintain over Kashmir can only become less stable with time. At the moment, Miss Bhutto is abreast of Pakistan's pro-Kash-mir sentiment, but if emotions become more excited - as they might well, whether or not the Indians can calm the crisis on their side of the border - she will face a difficult choice. She would

and resist the domestic pressure for further action, or surrender to demands for greater support for Kashmiri separatism. The first course might endanger the survival of her government; the second would lead to war.

For his part, V.P. Singh is at present anxious to avoid conflict, but he cannot allow his minority government to appear weak or reluctant to defend India's borders. And with the Kashmir dispute threatening to exacerbate India's fraught Hindu-Muslim relations, and his Hindu supporters whipping up anti-Pakistan feeling, he may find that his capacity to resist "provocation" from Pakistan is diminished, no matter how personally sympathetic he is to Benazir Bhutto's dilemma. The point may soon come when war will be simpler and politically expedient.

The danger is that repeated border skirmishes might lead to large-scale confrontation, even when neither side wants it.

Last evening, I had an intimation of immortality

It was not, I'm afraid, a premier grand cru intimation, it was not a sight of that immortal sea which brought us hither, it was not even a high instinct before which my mortal nature did tremble like a guilty thing surprised; because in order to experience these, one that looks through death, and as I have a faith which has its work cut out focusing on next Tuesday, I have long given up the ambition of literal immortality. But that does not mean that i do not hanker. like many of us, after a little nominal imperishability: while I have come reluctantly to accept that when I lie a-mouldering in the grave, nothshould nevertheless like to fix it for some small remnant to potter

My first taste of immortality

countries, they may be a dan-

gerous portent. Is an Indo-

procedures for taking a crack at this, but none comes guaranteed. Contract, for example, something peculiar, and there is just a chance it will get into the textbooks as Coren's Syndrome, chuck yourself off somewhere picturesque and it might thereafter be known as Coren's Leap, strike it lucky with a paper-shop at a major Tjunction, then cab-drivers might well continue to refer to it as Koren's Korner long after the moss has obscured your head-stone, spend a lifetime in innovative wrestling or cuisine, and you might well leave these those professions the richer by a Half-Coren, say, or a Sole Bonne Cricklewood . . . but the odds against such coups are unacceptably whim-dependent. No. stick to your last has ever

been my motto, even if the result is doomed to be cobblers; and up until last night, therefore, my bids for immortality had always hung on words. Coin a snappy neologism, catch the eye of the Oxford English Dictionary, and I would live forever. The OUP does not strike people off once in, a word be it ever so subsequently unused - is there for good. Every year, therefore, I dangle something in front of them. Twice. I have come close: the

first, in 1976, was wassname, the

second, in 1982, narmean -



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neither one a jewel in the lexical crown perhaps, not a chorale, not a snark, but items nevertheless that I should be proud to have my name immortally attached to in the OED as onlie begetter of.

inquiries reached me as to their provenance, public appearances, all that; but nothing came of it. Two Tuesdays ago, here in The Times. I cast this year's bait, (Still only February, but why hang about? Now that the OED is computerized on CD-ROM, updating is a doddle; if you had a VDU, you might see yourself immortalized before you could say Jack Wossname.) My new contender was peripolitan, a little corker though I says it as shouldn't, and unquestionably a cultural notch or two up on

narmean, parmean? Nothing much happened. A couple of logomachs wrote in, ries, waiting to be coined.

prepared, if I may precis their admiration, to meet me behind the London Library bievele shed and beat me to a pulp, but from Oxford, nothing, And then, at opm yesterday, the phone rang. I was fixing drinks at the time. My wife was having a kir, I was having a pink vodka, and I had put the ice in both glasses and splashed the cassis in the one and the angostura in the other when she called from the hall that there was someone on the phone from Oxford asking about peripolitan. I hurtled; rugs flew. For how could best new word in the world. It had been lying around for 30 centu-

The caller turned out to be some grisly pedant wanting to know what gave me the right, etc. Broken, I shuffled back to the kitchen, sloshed the vodka and the Sancerre into the prepared glasses and passed one to my wife. And she cried: "God almighty!"

I sniffed my own. They really ought to make a cassis a different colour from angostura. But then I tasted it; and with it, immortality. I do not need to find a new word any more. Consider John Collins, poiman at Limmer's Hotel, consider Guido Martini, bartender at the Waldorf Astoria, consider James Pimm, oysterateur of Poultry - names

now, literally, on every lip. For vodka with a dash of cassis on the rocks is a very remarkable drink. I urge you to get your teeth around a Bloody Coren tonight. If only to stop him coming up with words like oysterateur.

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AN UNACCEPTABLE ACCORD

Last month Mr Douglas Hurd told the House of Commons that it would be unacceptable for Britain "simply to find out what China wants and then to do it". But this is exactly what seems to have happened in the making of the agreement reached by Britain and China in Peking this week on the terms of the Basic Law.

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Section 1

On all important issues, it is China's determination to prevent the emergence of democratic government which has prevailed. The Government has ignored the recommendations of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons that all members of Hong Kong's 60-member Legislative Council be directly elected by 1995. Worse, it has failed to insist on the more modest timetable proposed by the council's members; the direct election of a third of its members next year, half in 1995 and a written commitment by Peking to the election of two-thirds in 1999 and all by 2003.

Instead, Britain has accepted China's suggestion of extremely limited increases, only a third of the council directly elected by 1997 and no assurance that the proportion of elected members will ever rise above half. Negotiation has made only a marginal difference to the hardened position which Peking adopted since last June. Britain has, furthermore, agreed that the Chief Executive who will replace the British Governor in 1997 will be picked by an electoral college which Peking will control.

The Government could have declined to discuss the numbers to be directly elected in 1995. It could, more robustly, have informed China that under the 1985 Sino-British Joint Declaration, Britain had the right and duty to decide on Hong Kong's form of government. True, after 1997 Peking can overturn what it does not like. But there would have been no breach of the 1984 agreement involved in a British decision to accede to the wishes of Hong Kong's people and let China incur the opprobrium which would accompany any move to dismantle democratic frameworks.

The principle of setting up arrangements commanding permanently sustainable agreement between the two governments (the "smooth train" transition) has instead been allowed to prevail. The only "concessions" obtained in a month of Sino-British negotiation refer to clauses, inserted by Peking since the Tiananmen Square massacre, which further closed the door to democracy.

The original purpose of consultations over the Basic Law was that the wishes of Hong Kong should be taken into account by the drafters. As it stands, the agreed draft will neither establish democratic traditions nor guarantee the separation of powers between executive and legislative. Nor will it secure the independence of the judiciary, without which the formula of "one country, two systems", is completely hollow.

This cannot, if Britain is to honour its proclaimed concern for the lasting freedom and welfare of Hong Kong's people, be the last word. The Government should reconsider its position, and with urgency. The draft, which will be given final form by the Basic Law Drafting Committee in Peking tonight is still exactly that: a draft. It remains a draft until ratified by China's National People's Congress, which meets in plenary session on March 20.

It is by now clear that Britain cannot both meet its duty to Hong Kong and accept the result of the Basic Law negotiation. That message has to be conveyed to the NPC meeting, which must be given to understand as Mr Hurd has said - that Britain will act unilaterally if necessary. The simplest message would be an announcement that Britain wishes to extend its consultation with the people of Hong Kong by means of a referendum and intends to be guided by the result.

It has been said that the issues and options are too involved for a referendum. Such a vote cannot settle any and every question covered by the Basic Law talks. But it can ask two questions which really matter. Do you want a complete council directly elected? By what date? Both the campaign and result would be an education for all.

ANGUISH AT SELLAFIELD

The discovery of a clear statistical link between the exposure of men to excessive radiation and leukaemia in their children is a calamity of dreadful proportions for those directly affected. The anguish of a father of a child suffering from this serious and sometimes fatal disease will be increased immeasurably by the suspicion that the origin of such suffering may after all be in himself. Such families need and deserve all the support and sympathy a compassionate society can muster.

So serious are the implications of this discovery that the only sound basis for public policy in response must be to act as if the suspicion was already proved. Further research is essential, but it must not be used as an excuse

The investigation by Professor Martin Gardner of Southamptom University is evidence enough for action. It is already being hailed as a model of its kind, and may become a classic demonstration of the detective power of environmental epidemiology, the science of investigating statistical patterns of disease in pursuit of clues to medical causes and effects.

Because of the nature of the evidence, the exact causal mechanism is still mysterious. Professor Gardner's inquiry was first commissioned when it was noticed that there was a much above average incidence of leukaemia among children living near Sellafield in Cumbria, and it was decided to try to trace the source of it by studying the pattern. In pointing to the possibility of genetic transmission from father to child, the inquiry seems to have eliminated other worrying possibilities, which is some small consolation for the community which lives in the Sellafield area.

The emphasis in further research will now

pass from the statistical to the genetic, to find the exact cause. But enough is known to suggest that it may well result from genetic changes in the male reproductive system caused by exposure to radiation above a certain level, leading to genetic mutation in the sperm in such a way as to reduce resistance to leukaemia in any subsequent offspring.

The implication must be faced, painful though it is, that any man who has been exposed regularly to radiation in the course of his employment may run some risk of fathering children who may eventually contract leukaemia. One of the first priorities of research must be to identify that group at risk as accurately as possible, for there must be thousands of men whose work brings them into contact with radiation who will today be fearful about their own families. They need reassurance as fast as it can be obtained, based on solid scientific investigation.

Meanwhile the entire nuclear industry is faced with a real emergency. Radiation safety levels will have to be reviewed once again, and almost certainly substantially lowered. This is also a case where it will not be sufficient to await the final dotted "i" or crossed "t" in the laboratory, but where the only right basis to proceed for the time being will be to assume

This first hard evidence of an association of leukaemia with the Sellafield plant will do no good for the reputation of the nuclear industry at all. Safety controls and procedures are already very tight, yet obviously still not tight enough. The public will need a great deal of reassurance before it is convinced that this is the last hole in the nuclear safety net still needing to be closed.

MAKING UP WITH BUENOS AIRES

"You should do everything", Lord Chester-field said, "in minuet time". The diplomatic dance between London and Buenos Aires over the last eight years has certainly been slow, but it has more often seemed crab-like than stately. It was decided yesterday in Madrid that diplomatic relations should be restored and that the 150-mile protection zone round the Falkland Islands should be scaled down. The prospects are therefore better than for some time for the dance to continue in triple time.

Britain and Argentina will now exchange ambassadors, and that will be to the advantage of the financial and business communities in both countries. Scheduled air services between London and Buenos Aires were restarted last month, and Argentinian merchant ships have been able to sail through the protection zone without permission since the beginning of the

Yesterday's news will be received with relief in Washington, with uneasiness in Port Stanley and with satisfaction in Buenos Aires. The agreement does, indeed, represent a considerable diplomatic success for President Menem. When he was running for president, his campaign rhetoric, with its references to "the need to spill blood" over the Falklands caused a good deal of apprehension. Once in office, however, his tone underwent a marked change, and by the middle of last year he was talking of putting the issue of the sovereignty of the Falklands on ice. "We have waited 156 years", he said. "We can certainly wait a bit

longer™. President Menem is a realist. He has maintained consistently that his foreign policy would be dictated by his country's need to find export markets and to attract foreign investment. Re-establishing ties with Britain will not only reopen that important market but also remove obstacles to trade with the rest of the

European Community. There are economic advantages for this country, too. Britain shares Argentina's interest in fishery conservation in the south-west Atlantic, and the prospect of licences to conduct oil explorations on the ocean floor between Argentina and the Falklands is likely to bring a gleam to the eye of the oil companies. More broadly, the recent spread of democracy in Latin America increases the likelihood that some sort of regional economic grouping will emerge, something with which Britain, and perhaps even the Falklands, would wish to

One intriguing question remains after yesterday's agreement, and that is whether there is now anything left for the two sides to discuss. President Menem maintains that there is: that Britain, by accepting his metaphor of "placing sovereignty under an umbrella" has recognized that it will, at some stage, have to talk about the issue.

That is certainly the view of the Labour Party, who maintain that while the wishes of the islanders must be considered, they cannot be paramount. "I can assure the islanders", Mr George Foulkes, an Opposition foreign affairs spokeman said last year, "that the Labour Party is in the business of protecting them, not selling them out". In Port Stanley, Mr Foulkes was judged to be speaking out of both sides of his mouth at once.

Within the Conservative Party, there is more than one view. There are those who believe that the issue of sovereignty cannot permanently be left on the back-burner. The majority, however, undoubtedly share the view expressed by Mr David Howell, the chairman of the Commons select committee on foreign affairs, when Mrs Thatcher stretched out a tentative hand to President Menem's olive branch - "if this is just a preliminary to falling back on the assertion that the islands are really Argentinian, we should call an abrupt halt". That is likely to remain the dominant mood of the party so long as it is led by Mrs Thatcher. It is an issue on which she reads the public mind very clearly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Control of the cable networks

From Viscount Torrington Sir, Your recent article on cable television (Business and Finance, February 8) clearly demonstrated that this new industry, sometimes referred to as the "fourth utility", is now dominated by North American investment

This concerns me for a number of reasons. The intent of the Cable & Broadcasting Act 1984 was that the control of cable networks should rest in the hands of British or EC nationals. The intent has not been matched by reality.

As chairman of one of the only wholly British/EC applicants for a cable franchise, I am also con-cerned that what we are seeing is a re-run of what happened to the North Sea oil industry. The creation of BNOC (British National Oil Corporation) was the in-evitable knee-jerk reaction of a Labour government to the fact that the City failed to support British involvement and that the North Sea was handed to the US oil industry on a plate.

It would be most unfortunate if a British national cable company was foist upon the public in a similar reaction to the domination of the cable industry by the offspring of Ma Bell.

Cable is not just a means of delivery for television pro-grammes, but is the basis for the telecommunications network of the future. The American Civil War demonstrated to governments the strategic value of the telegraph, as a result of which telecommunications became a government monopoly in most countries for the following 130 years.

In Britain it has just broken free, and the City must respond to the challenge, or telecommunications could once again become, unnecessarily, a government monop-

Yours faithfully TORRINGTON. 11 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1. February 13.

Flaws of industry

From Mr M. S. P. Gardner Sir, Tom Bower (Spectrum, February 5; Business and Finance. February 6, 7) explains only too clearly what happens to enterprises that invest in notoriously difficult areas such as textiles and furniture manufacturing. By their very nature, these industries are volatile, subject to fashion changes and most of all, from competition at the lower level.

But this is not the real problem. The undersigned, formerly a direc-tor of a well-known Yorkshire textile company, was horrified when, in the early 70s, the then Labour Government granted our company £1 million for investment.

What happened? Because UKbuilt machinery was not available. the major part of this grant had to be directed by the board towards the purchase of machinery from Switzerland, Germany and even Italy. Only the bricks to be used to build a new factory wing were British-made. And what was the cry from the average textile manufacturers? Please let sterling be strong when we import our machinery and let it be weak so that we may export the production arising therefrom!

That was in the early 70s, but have we changed? When is the UK going finally to learn that it can only prosper by investment in engineering in the first place. We must produce the machinery that can be directed towards the production of consumer goods not the other way round. Yours sincerely, MICHAEL S. P. GARDNER

(Director), M. C. Brackenbury & Co. Ltd., 19 St Mary at-Hill, EC3. February 6.

Harrow development

From Mr Ian D. Robinson Sir, To buttress the credibility of Harrow School's development scheme, the governors' clerk (February 7) cites the plaudits of local planning officers.

That borough officers commended this location for a theatre is strange. Just two years pre-viously they rejected the same site for a much lower and less obtrusive school design workshop. Public files reveal officers flatly discounting this "promontory" site owing to its high visibility from the village, open spaces, and distant roads. Moreover, the site was "a long way from the centre of the school complex and difficult to get to, by both vehicle and on foot". Hence this was "not a site for further consideration".

Why officers should favour a site they had so recently rejected on amenity grounds remains a mystery; they themselves remain mute. Small wonder the council chose to reject its officers' "advice". Yours faithfully, IAN D. ROBINSON.

61 West Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. February 11.

Rottweiler danger

From Mr W. T. K. P. Williams Sir, Mr L. P. Elsden (February 13) overlooks the main problem. To be "savaged" by a Yorkshire terrier is one thing; to be savaged by a Rottweiler is another. Surely it is the dog's capability to maim or kill that needs to be assessed? Yours faithfully, W. T. K. P. WİLLIAMS.

4 Woodthorpe Road, Putney, SW15.

Response to transition in S Africa "reward" was first proffered to Mr

From Mr T. D. Bridge Sir, State President F. W. de Klerk has made a shrewd political move in releasing Mr Nelson Mandela without any concession by either the South African Government or the ANC. However, the benefit of the leadership shown by both men will be lost within days if the South African police fail to change their attitude to crowd control.

The 92,000-strong force, of which more than one third are part-time reservists, has demonstrated a hard-line approach to the black population completely out of step with ministerial statements from Pretoria.

On the day before Mr Mandela's release, police opened fire, report-edly without provocation, on crowds celebrating in Tokoza, a black township near Johannesburg killing five and wounding 45. Violent beating of rowdy elements of the huge crowd waiting to hear Mr Mandela's first speech after his release in Cape Town, on February 11, showed a barely credible lack of political ensitivity, some would say a horrifying inhumanity.

Police contingents have been involved in UN peace-keeping operations before: in the Congo and, with notable success, as a neutral interface force between the local police and the population in Cyprus, President de Klerk has shown bold political judgement in unbanning the ANC and freeing Mr Mandela. It is to be hoped that if he cannot make his police chiefs follow his Government's will, within the law, he will not hesitate to ask for UN help, while overseas credit is still at a peak.

Although article 2 of the UN Charter specifically forbids intervention in any matter "within the domestic jurisdiction of any state", any request for UN assis-tance from President de Klerk ought to receive a sympathetic hearing at the Security Council. Substitution of United Nations police for a police force the size of that in South Africa would simply not be feasible, quite aside from the legal and language difficulties; but a UN police-monitoring force, operating in the areas of high tension, could introduce restraint and demonstrate Pretoria's serious intention to create a calm atmosphere for the discussion of political reform. Yours faithfully

T. D. BRIDGE (Editor, Army Quarterly and Defence Journal), West Street, Tavistock, Devon.

February 13. From Mr Len Hooper

Sir, The controversy surrounding Mrs Thatcher's reward of "lifting sanctions" in South Africa would seem to hinge not on the reward

Controls on drink

From Mr Derek Rutherford Sir, In his emotive attack on alcohol-abuse agencies in regard to advertising Mr Bernard Levin (February 13) misses the main point. My comment, to which Mr Levin refers, was prompted originally by a letter to *The Times* (September 4, 1989) from a reader complaining that during a showing of the film Batman to an audience mainly of children nine of the 12 advertisements shown were for alcohol, including one for an extra-strength lager.

Does Mr Levin really believe that one has to be a fanatic to question the desirability of such intensive promotion of alcohol? In France, for example, it is forbidden to advertise alcoholic drinks on television, in young people's magazines, football stadia, and sports grounds.

Prohibition is on no one's agenda and I would be the last to deprive Mr Levin of the pleasure he gains from his glass of wine. But in the tradition of "modesty and charity" of my 19th-century forebears, which Mr Levin praises, would proffer that the marketers

Courts and television From Mr B. C. Maddocks

proceedings in courts and tri-bunals should be televised (report, February 9) is claimed to be based on the principle of open justice.

such proceedings should be heard in public and not in private. That requirement is fulfilled by the doors of the court being open to the public and to the press. Nothing more is needed.

If broadcasting is to be allowed, it must be upon some other principle, consistent with the purpose for which the courts and tribunals exist. That purpose is to do justice between the parties. It cannot be assisted by the broadcasting of the proceedings to

Sir, Civilisation is not solely defined by freedom, but by the way freedom is limited by responsibility, duties, compassion, and, when these prove inadequate, the law. The jungle is free - civilisation is not. Those who want the freedom of the jungle must also accept the retribution of the jungle without yelping.

the misleading banner of "freedom".

de Klerk. If Mrs Thatcher's response to

Mr de Klerk was nothing more than a spontaneous gesture in recognition of a deed carried out then it was ill-considered and grossly out of step with world

If as seems more likely, the reward was part of a preamanged deal between Mrs Thatcher and Mr de Klerk then the term "reward" has to be replaced by the word "guarantee". And, if so, the reported off-the-cuff comment on Monday by Mr Bernard Ingham, the Downing Street spokesman, that Mrs Thatcher "is leading the world" in South African affairs, begins to have some basis in fact. The guarantee would have provided the necessary security against a white backlash.

Whatever the facts of the case, Mrs Thatcher's reward for her unilateral stance, and for her attempts to rally international support, will probably be to have Britain placed at the head of the queue when the time comes to reinvest in the South African future.

From Professor J. D. Lever Sir, As one who was lucky enough to be born in South Africa and to have spent his childhood in that beautiful country, may I say that I think that one of the most progressive measures which the South African Government could now enact would be an improvement of all educational opportunities for its peoples.

University of Wales. February 14.

choice of a leader, seen for the first time on TV, makes one feel less could fail at this moment in their them well? Yours faithfully. ELAINE LINGHAM, 44 Grafton Street,

Cambridge.

rein. With that the wine connoisseur French would agree. Yours faithfully, DEREK RUTHERFORD (Director of Studies), The Institute of Alcohol Studies, Alliance House, 12 Caxton Street, SW1. February 14. From Viscount Cranborne

Sir, Bernard Levin calls the new temperance lobby "wowsers". He may be right, but they also form part of an increasingly powerful section of the British population the new puritans.

So much do these closet totalitarians enjoy telling me what to do that I and most of my compatriots will shortly be cowed into as joyless an existence as the English of the 1650s.

Would any of your readers be interested in helping to organize a National Day against the joyless? Three quarters of the nation could then combine to blow a collective raspberry in the general direction of Hampstead. Yours faithfully, CRANBORNE, 2 Swan Walk, SW3.

be affected in the evidence he

gives. Another witness might di-

rect his evidence to the wider

audience. The pompous and self-advertising advocate could have a

field day. There are many ways in

which the proceedings could be

excesses by codes of conduct,

practice directions and judges'

rulings. But why create the con-

ditions for them in the first place?

Rushdie affair is for the publishers

simply to cease publication and to

return the rights to the author. The

book has been published with a

wider readership and far more

commercial success than could

have been expected, so howls of

indignation about freedom of

expression and artistic integrity

can be quietly met by consid-

erations of that responsibility

which is the foundation of civilisa

Letters to the Editor should carry

may be sent to a fax number

(01)782 5046.

Of course we could curb these

adversely affected.

Yours faithfully.

68 Quay Street,

Manchester 3.

February 9.

tion.

Yours sincerely

L2 Albany, Piccadilly, W1.

February 12.

EDWARD de BONO,

B. C. MADDOCKS,

St James's Chambers,

February 13.

every home in the country. The presence of microphones and cameras is not neutral. A nervous witness could on occasion

Sir, The Bar Council proposal that

Open justice requires that all

'The Satanic Verses' From Dr Edward de Bono

The freedom to insult is matched by the freedom to feel insulted. Those who exercise power without restraint are bullies. Unlimited freedom to insult is not the mark of civilisation that is so strenuously claimed under

The practical solution to the

destroying the health of the citi-zens with their effluent; the air is heavy with pollution and the rain is impregnated with acid; a dramatically high incidence of cancer, skin and respiratory dis-

Polish city in

From Mr Nicholas John

eases has been recorded.

pollution peril

Sir, Having recently returned from

Krakow, I am moved by this

week's news that the city has elected its first Green mayor to

describe the terrifying effects of

pollution there. The major steel

works at nearby Nowa Huta are

Krakow is one of Europe's most

beautiful and ancient cities, a

miraculous architectural mixture

the last war. Now the work of

restoration and conservation is

being undone as fast as it is

finished by the side-effects of industry. Statues and doorways,

facades and towers, the very fabric

of the buildings, all are blackened and destroyed by chemical pollu-

It is vital that the international

community brings pressure to bear upon the Polish Government

to realise that we, for so long

deprived of easy access to Eastern

Europe, care about Krakow. Like

Venice under the floods of 1966, it

Sir, I was delighted to read (report, February 9) that the Government

is being urged to give tax relief on

childcare costs to encourage moth-

ers to return to work. It would be a

much needed move in the right

direction, but tax relief should not

be limited to vouchers for nurs-

of nursery places and a company-run creche, while obviously useful,

is not necessarily the most prac-tical answer, particularly if it

means a young child sharing a

tiring journey to work with its mother each day as the case might be for those who work in London.

Childminders are the most com-

mon form of childcare for pre-

school children in this country. If

tax relief is to be given then it

should also go to vouchers that

can be used for registered

National Power has recently

introduced a childcare charter offering this benefit, among oth-

There are only a limited number

eries or company crèches.

is in peril.

Yours faithfully,

February 10.

NICHOLAS JÓHN,

69 Anson Road, N7.

Childcare costs

From Mr R. J. Jackson

of many centuries, more or less untouched by the devastation of

Yours faithfully, LEN HOOPER, Sic Barry Road, Dulwich, SE22. February 14.

If, for instance, the law of the country required that all children, regardless of ethnic origin, should receive appropriate and adequate schooling whatever their domestic circumstances, this would go a long way towards removing social barriers and misunderstanding, and strengthening the prospects of universal franchise. Yours faithfully,

J. D. LEVER. Department of Anatomy, Park Place,

From Miss Elaine Lingham Sir, The black South Africans' uneasy about being a human. Who history to respect, salute, and wish

ers, and I have no doubt our working mothers would welcome tax relief on their vouchers. Yours sincerely, ROD JACKSON (Director of Personnel), of alcohol cannot be given free

National Power, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, EC1. February 13.

childminders.

Legal language

From Mr Angus Stewart, QC Sir, The Principal Clerk of the Judicial Office of the House of Lords (February 13) might have cited Charles Dickens as authority for the proper form of petitions: and the petition said, as all petitions do say, that the petitioners were very humble, and the petitioned very honourable, and the object very virtuous (Nicholas Nickleby, Ch.2).

I wonder whether the form of prayer attached to our Scottish petitions (whereby their Lordships are humbly prayed to do this, semi-colon, that, semi-colon, and the other, full stop) has also got into literature - in writing like On the day of my departure I was up a little after five; by six we began to load the donkey; and ten minutes after my hopes were in the dust.

This is R. L. Stevenson, of course, who must have spent some time as a "devil" and junior advocate copying these things out from the style books. Yours faithfully ANGUS STEWART, 8 Ann Street,

Wartime souvenir From Mrs Dorothy White

Edinburgh 4.

Sir, I read the obituary of the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn (February 6) with great interest, particularly the reference to her father, Lord Crichton.

My father served in the Royal Horse Guards and went to France in August, 1914, and my late mother remembered that he told her of an occasion when Lord Crichton asked him to bold his horse and a small prismatic compass, said he would not be long, but never came back.

The compass, which is in my possession, has "Major Ld Crichton, R. H. Gds" written on the case. My father was wounded later in the war and died from the effect of war wounds in 1921.

I have passed his war medals, service medal and 1911 Coronation Medal (he rode in the Sovereign's escort) to my grand-

Yours faithfully DOROTHY WHITE, 32 The Grove, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Pride of place

From Mrs Kit Gray Sir, I am puzzled. There is one pink rose blooming beautifully in my garden. Is this the last or the first rose of summer? Yours faithfully, KIT GRAY,

a daytime telephone number. They Holmedale, Denmark Road, Exeter, Devon.



Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, attended a lunch for supporters of the Trust's Appeal, at Claridge's, Brook Street, W1.

Mrs James Lonsdale and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick

Jephson, RN were in atten-

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 15: The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Brook Street, w1.

The Princes of Wales, Patron, Parkinson's Disease Society, visited the Society's research projects at King's College Chelega Campus, Manresa Road, CMY

The Duchess of York, Patron of SW3. the Motor Neurone Disease Association, this morning re-ceived the Director (Mr Peter Cardy) at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 15: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother today
honoured the Dean (the Very The Duke of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief, this morning accepted the Freedom of the Cotswolds on behalf of the Reverend Eric Evans) and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral Gloucestershire Regiment at a ceremony held in the Market with her presence at luncheon in

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 15: The Prince of Bland was in attendance.

Anniversaries Dinners

BIRTHS: Giambattista Bodoni, type designer, Saluzzo, Italy, 1740; Heinrich Barth, explorer in North Africa, Hamburg, 1821; Francis Galton, geneticist, Birmingham, 1822; Ernst Haeckel, biologist, Potsdam, 1834; Henry Brook Adams, historian, Boston Massachusetts 1838. Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table
Major-General M.J.H. Walsh, Knight President of the Honour-Knight President of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table, presided at the legal dinner of the society held last night at Inner Temple. Sir lan Percival, QC, Master Treasurer of the Inner Temple, also spoke. Mr Leo Price, QC, Master Treasurer, Middle Temple, Rear-Admiral R. Hill, Under-Treasurer, Middle Temple, and Captain P. Sheehan, Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple, were Boston, Massachusetts, 1838; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, Welcombe, Warwick-shire, 1876; Robert Flaherty, film director, Michigan, 1884. DEATHS: Richard Meade, physician, London, 1754; Lionel Lukin, pioneer of the lifeboat, Hythe, Kent, 1834; Elisha Kane, surer, Inner Temple, among those present. physician and Arctic explorer, Havana, 1857; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer in Engineers Mr T. Smith, Chairman of the South America, London, 1892 Association of Consulting En-gineers, presided at the Associ-ation's annual dinner held last

Ciosue Carducci, poet, Nobel laureate 1906, Bologna, 1907; Leslie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron night at the London Hilton in Park Lane. Mr Smith responded Hore-Belisha, statesman, inno vator of "Belisha beacons" Park Lane. Mr Smith responded to the toast to the Association proposed by the Rt Hon John Wakeham MP, Secretary of State for Energy. Mr Donald Keating QC, replied to the toast to the guests who included Members of both Houses of Parliament distinguished lead. Reims, 1957. Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba. 1959. Birthdays today Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former director, Gatwick and Stansted Airports, 65; Mr F.G.R. Cuming, painter, 60; Mr Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, 47; Mr David Emms, director, London House Godinater Parliament, distinguished leaders of private and public sector industries, senior officers of HM

> Sir William Borlase's School Marlow

Civil Service and the presidents

and officers of other pro-fessional bodies.

Old Boriasians are requested to contact the Headmaster's Secretary to facilitate the organis-ation of a reunion. Tel: 06284

John Peck, diplomat, 77; Mr Peter Porter, poet, 61; Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 64; Sir Kenneth Selby, former president, Bath and Portland Group, 76. Sir Jones Synffold Group. Church news Scottish Episcopal Church

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Church in Wales

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The Rev John Edward Thor
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The Rev Dr Gareth Lloyd Jones to
Canon Chapcellor of Bangor Cal
dizal.

Service dinners

House for Overseas Graduate 65; Sir Geraint Evans, bariton

68; Lord Franks, OM, 85; Professor Jack Levy, mechani-cal engineer, 64; Mr John McEnroe, tennis player, 31; Sir Maitland Mackie, former Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 78; Sir Michael Miles Wetter,

78; Sir Michael Milne-Watson,

76; Sir James Swaffield, former director-general and Clerk to the GLC, 66; Mr Justice Webster,

December 1989 examination

Described: 1799 Cariffination passes:

Bart I: P J Berty. W Builivant. G Cottam. P H J Chapman. D Gainsbury. D J Hoare. S Knill. Taz Wai Luk. Wai Lung Mak. A J Rich. L P Roy. R Severn. K W Wong. Part II: Miss J Allen. R W Butler. A J Cox. B Holloway. B Lippmann. S Ostrowski. Lady Ponsonsy. R Sievenson. G R Strong. A Turper.

Arbitrators'

examination

Arbitrators

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Commander M.P. Sauvage, Commander of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the college. University of London OTC Lieutenant-General Sir David Ramsbotham was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the University of London Officer Training Corps given by Lieutenant-Colonel R.S. Clay-ton, Commanding Officer, the

corps at Yeomanry House last night. Major R.T. Watson pre-sided. Among others present Group (

officers and officer cadets of the

Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air

Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine. Air Officer Commanding in-Chief, RAF Strike Command, was the guest of honour at the Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron annual dinner held last night at King's College, Old Aberdeen. Squadron Leader T.C.M. Newman, Commanding
Officer, presided. Air Vice-Marshal R.M. Austin, Air Officer
Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, at-

Royal Aerospace Establishmen Group Captain R. Beazley was host at the annual Test Pilots dinner held last night at RAE Farnborough. Air Commodore R.J. Spiers was the speaker.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.W.H. Bramwell and Miss A.J. Sheridan
The engagement is announced between Nigel William Hewitt, son of Mr and Mrs Hewitt Bramwell. of Marlow, Bucks, and Amanda Jane (Mandy), and Amanda Jane (Mandy), and Mrs Roger

Mr S.G.P. Lanna and Miss P.J. Platts
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.V.M. Latham, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Platts, of Coleorton, Leics.

and Miss S.F.L. Rivaz The engagement is announced between Sebastian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cain, of Richmond, Surrey, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Rivaz, of Alderney,

Mr P.J. Turner and Miss K.L. Davis

The engagement is announced between Peter John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Turner, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts, and Karen Lesley, younger daughter of Mr P.R. Davis, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and Mrs J.H. Green, of Buckerell, Devon.

Mr T.J. Gatacre and Miss E. Tholstrup

The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr E.V. Gatacre, of de Wiersse, Vorden, The Netherlands, and of Mrs John Wells, of Chapel Farm, East Chiltington, East Sussex, and Elsebeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jorgen Tholstrup, of Berrydown Court, Overton, Hampshire.

Mr P. Grant and Miss S. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs John Grant, of West Pennant Hills, Sydney, New South Wales, and Sally, daughter of Mr John H.C. Nicholson, of Adstockfields Farm, Buckingham and Mrs Gavin Laucham ham, and Mrs Gavin Langha

d Miss J. Fairley BVSc MRCVS The engagement is annou between Adam, son of Mr J.
Norman and Mrs M. Norman,
of Wendover, and Johanna,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.
Fairley, of Solihull.

Mr R. Peppiatt and Miss S. Thomson The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.D. Peppiatt, of Epping, Essex, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H. Thomson, of Chingford

Village, Essex. Mr S.E. Corl The engagement is announced between Stuart, youngest son of Mrs Brenda Curl and the late Mr Stanley Curl, of Henley, Suffolk, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.P. Jeffers, of

Brambridge, Hampshire. Marriage

Mr J.R. Jeffrey and Mrs F.G. Barnett The marriage took place on February 15, between Mr John Robert (Ian) Jeffrey and Mrs Faith Garland Barnett (nee Barraclough), both of Billing Road, London SW10. A reception will be held at a

Mr D.J.N.E. Yorke and Mrs J.R.C.R. Fyfe The marriage between Mr David Yorke and Mrs June Fyle took place quietly at Petersfield on Saturday, February 3.

OBITUARIES

NORMAN PARKINSON

Royal portraitist who gave his subjects a human dimension

Norman Parkinson, CBE, the distin guished photographer whose own face with its ever mischievous eyes became as famous as those of some of his models, died yesterday in a Singapore hospital, following a brain haemorrhage, at the age of 76. He had been taken there after collapsing in his hotel room in Malaysia, where he had been working, two weeks ago.

Parkinson was one of the first photographers to step with confidence from behind the camera into a world of personal publicity and continuous media attention. When the words Royal photographer appeared in a headline — as, given the social and cultural importance of photographers in the last two decades, they frequently did — it was more than likely that they referred to Norman Parkinson.

In the eyes of the public he took precedence over Patrick Lichfield and even Cecil Beaton in that line, and indeed his statement in Who's Who that he had photographed all the Royal Family on many occasions was no idle boast. Among his most famous photographs were the official 80th and 85th birthday pictures of the Queen Mother, the 80th, in particular, gaining worldwide currency through its use on commemorative postage stamps.

Parkinson approached his Royal subjects very much as he did any other. With a nicely judged mixture of respect and irreverence, he would drape them on the spot with any available fabric to create colour harmonies. He generally eschewed the fairy-tale set-pieces of Cecil Beaton in favour of warmth and humanity and, where possible, a sort of glamour that was not totally incompatible with everyday reality. His Royals appear as real people looking their best, and they seem to have valued his common

He should have known all about combining the ordinary and the extraordinary by the magic of his camera after all the years he spent as a fashion photographer and recorder of people in the spotlight. And he did.

He was born Ronald William Parkinson Smith on April 21, 1913, and educated at Westminster School. From then on, by his own account, he did virtually nothing, and wanted to do nothing, except take photographs.



He acquired the name Norman Parkinson from a business association: in 1934, with a colleague, Norman Kibblewhite, he set up the Norman Parkinson Portrait Studio in Dover Street, off Piccadilly. The business was not long-lived, but when it ended Parkinson continued to use

its name himself. Already by the end of the Thirties he had achieved international note as a photographer of women's fashions, somewhat in the style of Hoyningen-Huene, and he generally staged his

his pictures in "real" locations.

working for Life and Look, as well as for Vogue in its many incarnations. He was an inventive portrait photographer, sometimes in a surrealist style suggesting Man Ray, and when he wanted to be, a stylish photoreporter, as in a famous series on the 1939 New York World Fair.

Whilst still in his twenties he was

In 1943 he married Wenda Rogerson, one of the day's leading fashion models, and for long one of his favourite models. With her in

particular he pioneered the post-war fashion for very informal-looking, grainy pictures arranged to look as much as possible like news photographs or artful snapshots, fuzzy focus and all. Late in the Forties he began working extensively in colour.

For all the immediacy and apparent informality of his style, he had a painter's eye for composition, and when the mood took him could prove an acute pasticheur, as in the 1970s series of black-and-white fashion pictures entitled "Tribute to William Henry Fox Talbot".

But perhaps more important was his gift for catching the most opulent, glamorous side of people and places without altogether losing touch with reality: at the time of his retrospective show at the National Portrait Gallery in 1981 a critic suggested that he was the logical successor to Sargent, and that his feeling for the essentials of a period, even while in the midst of it, was generally impeccable. His pic-tures of the Swinging Sixties now seem like a time capsule, but one suspects that his pictures of the Eighties will have the same quality in a few years' time.

Personally Parkinson was renowned for his humour (invaluable for putting edgy sitters at their ease) and his unflappability. Not that he did not cultivate a certain picturesque temperament as part of his amiable eccentricity. His physical appearance in later years - bald, moustachioed, twinkling - was well known from his habit of frequently photographing himself with his models - often more or less naked, hence the title of his 1985 book Would You Let Your Daughter ...? Other books included Sisters Under The Skin and Lifework, called in the United States Fifty Years of Style and Fashion.

Earlier on he lived in rural England with his wife (who died in 1987) and son, Simon; latterly he had lived, in the intervals of incessant travel, on Tobago, where he indulged in his hobby of pig-farming and was the proud inventor of the Porkinson Banger. He was an honorary FRPS and FIIP, and among his many other honours were the CBE and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Magazine Photographers Society.

His son survives him.

WILLIAM BARTLEY

Protestant faith and logic

Professor William Warren Bartley III, the American philosopher, who also worked and taught in Britain, died of cancer on February 5, aged 55.
His reputation rests essen-

tially on The Retreat to Commitment (1964), which in the midst of a case study of contemporary Protestant thought — proposed a new theory of rationality, which he called "comprehensively critical rationalism".

Educated at Harvard and the London School of Economics, where he received his PhD under Professor Sir Karl Popper, Bartley became Lecturer in Logic at the LSE in 1960, and afterwards held appointments at the Warburg Institute, London, the University of Pittsburg and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Latterly he was a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

Bartley was editor of The Collected Works of F. A. Hayek. Only the first of the more than 20 projected volumes, The Fatal Conceit — The Errors of Socialism (1988), has so far been published, though it is understood that others are near completion.

In The Retreat to Commitment Bartley made a significant contribution to what he called "the theory of the open mind". The book studies the relation between contemporary Protestant thought, represented by Karl Barth, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Paul Tillich, and an unresolved intellectual crisis in the

rationalist tradition. According to Bartley, Protestantism was able to defend with integrity its "retreat to commitment", its unargued faith, only because rationalism too, even at its best, was ultimately forced to rest itself on faith — on faith in reason.

Bartley set out to provide a new theory of rationality comprehensively critical rationalism - that took nothing on trust: a theory according to which rationality was identified not with the demand for justification and proof, but with an eagerness to seek out and to take account of

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In 1973 Bartley published a biography, Wittgenstein, which proved controversial for it reported more about the details of that philosopher's private life than some of his disciples found comfortable. Bartley's assertion that Wittgenstein used to visit Vienna's Prater in search of working him by a composer whose class youths and later did work he greatly admired, but much the same in London's also by the fact of his being in East End was fiercely chalcontact with a person who, as lenged at the time by fellow

> Bartley was also responsible delayed Postscript, which appeared in three volumes in 1982-3, and Lewis Carroll's Symbolic Logic (1986), which made public for the first time the long-lost Part II of that work by the author of Alice in

REGINALD MOORE

Encouraging the art of the short story

Reginald Moore, the novelist, it. He made a considerable circulation became too small editor and sports writer, died on February 11. He was 75.

He was best known for the magazine of the 1940s and early 1950s, Modern Reading, th he founded in 1941. and which at one point during the War - when hundreds of servicemen, as well as their lonely wives, fancied their attained a circulation memory was phenomenal approaching 150,000.

Modern Reading was an excellently and carefully —

contribution to encouraging to warrant its continuance. In the art of the short story, which was then rather more in vogue than it is now.

The contents of Modern of short stories of the 1940s Reading were, without excep- which still retains interest tion, serious in the best sense. Moore's courteous letters of rejection were famous and valued — as well as judiciously chances of making a literary encouraging to those who career — is said to have were asked to try again. His

He printed poetry as well as short fiction and many writers, now with well-known even meticulously - edited names, owe their first appear-periodical, possibly the best of ance to his good judgement. ance to his good judgement. the literary papers of frankly But, like so many magazines wide appeal. For Moore, of similar appeal, Modern whose taste was catholic but Reading was very much of its discriminating, never printed era. The public for good junk, or anything approaching literature dwindled, and the

1952 it ceased publication.

Moore then edited, with Woodrow Wyatt, a collection today. He also wrote a novel and an assortment of pieces about cricket and other sports in which he was absorbed. He was involved with John Arlott in sports publishing; together they founded the Sportsman Book Club. Later Moore edited the Sports Council magazine, Sports and Recreation. In addition Moore was, from 1946, editor of the

Hourglass Library. Reginald Moore was married to the novelist and literary critic, Elizabeth

PETER RACINE FRICKER

Justin Connolly writes: May I add a few words of

nersonal reminiscence to your excellent account of the life

quality of his work, but I soon came to feel an equal respect for the human qualities which were an important part of his success as a teacher, whether at Morley College, the RCM or in California.

Peter's personality was as subtle and unusual as it was strong; his criticism, while always direct and to the point, was always deeply sensitive to the needs of the individual. Despite his firm convictions about the essential nature of music, the breadth and generosity of his perception made him always ready to delayed.

sleepwalker's state of mind to the

temporary disorientation felt by most of

us, if we are woken suddenly. But among

sleepwalkers, sudden waking may be common, and disorientation extends

Understanding the factors underlying

sleepwalking is vital if doctors are to help

sufferers, who sometimes injure them-

selves, and may disturb the sleep of their

allow that there might be alternative roads to artistic truth.

Part of this flexibility was and work of Peter Racine due to his lively sense of Fricker (February 6)? due to his lively sense of historical continuity. I I was fortunate enough to be remember him telling me how his pupil at the Royal College moved he had been to receive of Music. I had chosen to go to a letter from Sibelius after the him because I admired the success of the First Symphony.

Peter was thrilled not only by the recognition accorded a young man, had actually philosophers. known someone who had sung in the chorus at the premiere for editing Popper's longof Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

I imagine that a real revival of interest in Peter Racine Fricker, this gifted and prolific composer, cannot long be

Memorial services

Mr L.A. (Laurie) Pavitt The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff attended a service of thanks-giving for the life and work of Mr L.A. (Laurie) Pavitt held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Donald Gray officiated. Mr Paul Boateng, MP, read the lesson and Lord Graham of Edmonton read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Peter Shea gave an address. The Leader of HM Opposition was represented by Mr Alfred Morris, MP, and the Chinese Ambassador by Mr Cui Jianjun.

Among others present were:

Privett. Mr. Nigel Privett. Mrs. S. Brittan.
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Mrs Olwen Hackett A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Olwen Hackett was held yesterday at the University Gordon Square. Prebendary Eric Tinker officiated. Sir An-thony Williams. President of the Society for Libyan Studies, and Professor Graeme Barker, chairman, read the lessons. Dr Joyce Reynolds, vice-president, gave an address.

Miss Rosemary Meynell
A memorial service for Miss
Rosemary Meynell was held
yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Rev Christopher
Courtauld officiated. Mr Glad-Sir Derek Dodson read from Miss Meynell's Farewell at the Catafalkue. Mr Godfrey Meynell gave an address.

Receptions Joint Services Expedition Ellesmere Island

Lord Shackleton, Patron of the

Joint Services Expedition to Ellesmere Island, presided at a reception held yesterday at the Royal Geographical Society for friends of the expedition. Lord Chorley, president of the society, was among those present. Osborne Clarke

Lord Manners and the Partners of Osborne Clarke held a reception last night at the House of Lords to celebrate the combination of the businesses of Os borne Clarke and Roche Hardeastles and the new office of Oshorne Clarke Roche in Copenhagen, HE The Danish Mr Robert Alexander Turner, of Ambassador, Mr R. Thorning-Petersen, was amongst thos

Luncheon

German Chamber of Industry The Lord Mayor of West-The Lord Mayor of wear-minster attended a funcheon given by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce at the Hotel Inter-Continental yes-terday. Sir Oliver Wright, presi-dent of the council of the chamber, presided, Professor

chamber, presided. Professor Alan Budd was the guest of honour and speaker. Among others present were:

John Buxton

A memorial service for John Buxton, Emeritus Fellow of New College, will be held in St Cross Church, St Cross Road. Oxford, on Saturday, March 3, 1990, at 2.30 pm.

SCIENCE REPORT

Why sleepwalkers may be awake

The term "sleepwalking" may be a sleepwalking and night terrors, Crisp and misnomer, according to a research report in the February 10 issue of the British Medical Journal Sufferers from this distressing condition may in fact be awake, but in a "dissociated" state of mind, writes Professor Arthur Crisp, from St George's Hospital, London, who

led the research. Professor Crisp describes dissociation as a breakdown in the normal integration of the mind, when a small group of mental processes can, in effect, take over. He says that dissociation is a defensive mechanism, which seems to block out feelings of distress.

Crisp and his colleagues came to that conclusion after studying the results from a series of personality tests given routinely to patients admitted to the hospital's Sleep Disorders Clinic. On most aspects of personality, people who walk in their sleep seem no different from anyone else. But sleep walkers score very highly on certain specific measures - it seems they particularly enjoy dramatic situations, acting, or being the centre of attention.

These traits are also strong in patients who suffer from dissociation during wakefulness, and in those who suffer from "night terrors" - the tendency to wake suddenly from deep, non-dreaming, sleep in a state of panic.

To examine what happens during

Mr Cecil Desmond, of London

Shevington, Greater Manch-

ester, the longest serving Keeper personal bequests, and the resi-of Zoology at the Natural His-tory Museum, London, and who pioneered research into the careful for such char-pioneered research into the careful for such char-

his colleagues conducted a special study in their sleep laboratory. Each patient slept overnight in the hospital while wired up to equipment measuring their brain's electrical activity, movements of the eyes (which occur both during dreams and wakefulness) and muscle tone. The laboratory measurements showed that, at the onset of episodes of sleepwalking or night terror, sufferers went through changes very similar to those that would occur when a person

wakes suddenly from deep sleep.

The researchers believe that both sleepwalking and night terrors are linked to similar traits present in sufferers' waking personalities. But they point out that the differences in personality pro-files between their patients and the general population are very specific, and not related to a general mental disorder, patients with neurous or psychotic problems typically differ from the norm for a wide range of personality measures.

But what makes some people sleepwalkers, and others suffer from night terrors? The difference, the researchers suggest, is that a typical sleepwalker scores stightly higher than usual for measures of hostility. Night terror sufferers, on the other hand, tend to be worriers, with higher measures for anxiety.

The St George's team liken the

But the issue also has legal repercussions. In rare instances, sleepwalkers can commit acts of violence, and even murder. In extreme cases, sufferers have resorted to tying themselves to their beds, for fear of their actions. A problem, in these sad cases, is the extent to which sleepwalkers can be held legally responsible for their actions. Professor Crisp hopes that his research

will contribute to the debate. Sleepwalking behaviour may be linked to real traits in sufferers' personalities, but these may only be expressed during dissociation, when "normal" control of the mind seems to have broken down. If Crisp's interpretation of sleepwalking is correct, lawyers and forensic psychiatrists face a difficult problem.

into dissociation.

Peter Aldhous Agraro-The Times News Service, 1990

Latest wills

Colonel the Hou Julian Berry, of Tunworth, Basingstoke, Hampshire, Colouel Commanding the Household Cavalry and Silver Stick in Waiting, 1960-64, a member of the Jockey Club and of its disciplinary committee 1970-72, left estate valued at £4,918,776 net. effects of insecticides on soil fauna, left estate valued at £357,061 gross.
Sir William Sydney Albert Atkins, of Chobham, Surrey, founder of the British engine ing consultancy business. W S
Atkins Ltd. whose recent
projects included the Channel
Tunnel and the M25,left estate valued at £514,707 net. Mr Reginal Harry Willis, of Hampton in Arden, West Midlands, left estate valued at £572,848 net. He left a few NW4, left estate valued at £2,176,135 net. Dr John Gordon Sheals, of

his trustees determine. Mr David Bruce Robertson, of London W1, left estate valued at £1,107,938 net. Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Mr John Stanley Adams, of

Ashbourne. ... £527,175. Derbyshme Mr Michael John William Dent, of Exmouth, Devon ... £652,378 Mrs Eufrosina Livia Venecchi, of London SW19...... £652,807. Mr Peter Kenneth Holford, of

Mr David James Cathcart King. of Clevedon, Avon £514,670 Mr David Arthur Salmon, of Colchester, Essex £945,539.

Mr Sydney Gordon Sloan, of Totteridge Village, London ... £985,185. Mr Kenneth Bernard Stone, of Harrogate, North York-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

CALLINGHAM - On February 14th 1990, at Bournemouth General Hospital, after a sudden illness, Muntel Joan, beloved wife and dearest friend of Don, Commander G.R. Callingham, R.N. (retired) of Highriffe Dorset. Service. Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday February 20th at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only ptease. COLERINGE - On February 11th. In Shaflesbury, The Hon, John, Gearly longed husband of Lovelace, Fifteral at The Parish Church, Ottery St Mary, Devon, on Monday February 19th at 2.30 Sm. Family flowers only, Donations if desired to the Save the Children Fund.

COX - On February 14th 1990. Pagester on Personal Inc. (In Professor of Interval In Whatever is hidden away will be brought out into the open, and whatever is covered in will be uncovered. St. Mark 4:22 BURTHS APPLEGATE - On February
7th 1990. to Fiona (nee
Charlesworth) and Charles, a
daughter. birranda Harriet
Urguhart. a sister for
Francasca and Georgiana. CAMPBELL - On February 11th, to Mary (née Roision) and James. a son. Harry David, a brother for Jack.

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BACHING - On December 7th 1989, to Tessa Ince Hunth and David. a son. Christian Eric George, another trother for Amander and Leo and half-brother for Belinda. Douglas and Daniel. Douglas and Lauses.

LAKE - On February 14th, at The Rosie, to Jenny (née Bond) and Simon, a son, witten Henry, a brother for LIGHT - On February 6th, to Liana and Chris, a son, Oliver Schastian, brother for Claymore. MGMTINGALL - On February Claymore.

HIGHTINEALL - On February
14th 1990, to Hilary Inée
Allen) and Robert, a son,
James Robert.

OKENBURGH - On February
4th, in Hoag Kong, to
Christine (née Burgess) and
Richard, a daughter,
Charlotte Alexandra, a sister
for Sophie.

for Sophie.

PhiPPS - On February Sth. to
Lord and Lady Justin Phipps.
a son. William David.

SANTAMAESA - On February
16th. in Melbourne. to
Sounde (née VaughanFowler) and Joseph. a
daughter, Mary Helen, a
sister for Jerome Benedict.
John-Paul and Clare. John-Paul and Clare.

STAMS - On February 14th, at
The Portland Hospital to
Mary (née Kinnand) and
John. a Son. James
Alexander Christian, a friend

STANLEY - On February 7th 1990, to Fanny and Shaum, a daughter, Isabelle Chartotte, a sister for Joshua. SWINNEY - On January 10th 1990, to Janice (née Riley) and Paul. a son, Elliot Paul. TAYLOR - On February 14th 1990, to Monica and Mike, a daughter. Sophie, a sister for Darren, Kerry, Sean and

TWISTON-DAVIES TWISTON-DAVIES On February 13th, to Caroline and Audley, a daughter, VAUGHAN-FOWLER - On February 11th. to Emma (née Gibbins) and Philip, a son. Dominic Robert.

WRININGTON-DIGRAM On February 13th, at The Portland Hospital to Rebecca (née Cocks) and Gerald, a daughter, Lucy Margaret WRIGHT - On February 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Carol and Malcolm, a daughter, Jessica Dawn, YATES - On February 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Gray) and Antony, a daughter, Victoria Katherine.

DEATHS

ADLER - On February 14th 1990, peacefully. Elizabeth Julia (née Moore), aged 43, mother of Katherine. Claire. Andrew and Patrick. Burial at Tuttington. Norfolk, Tuesday February 20th 2.30 pm. Fantily flowers only, no wreaths. Donations to Big C Appeal. Norwich Hospital.

AVGHETHEEDS - On February
13th 1990, in hospital after a
short litness. Beatrice
(Diction, of Hove, Much
loved wife of the lake George
Avgherinos and mother of loved wife of the late George Avgherinos and mother of John. Funeral Service at the Downs Crematorium. Bear Road, Brighton. on Wednesday February 21st at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to Attree & Kent Ltd., 108 Church Road, Hove.

BOOKD - On February 14th.
after a short litness in a
London hospital. Sybli
Katherine. Admired and
greatly loved by her nephews
and nieces, great nephews
and nieces, great nephews
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and great nieces and many
friends. Funeral Service 2
pm on Wednesday February
21st at Chelsea Old Church.
followed by private
cremation. No flowers, but
donations may be sent to
Voluntary Association for
Surrey Disabled. Victoria
House. Epsom Road,
Leatherhead, Surrey.

Stikes - On February 13th, at Neville Hall. Abergavenny. Gwent. Veronica. widow of Gordon. Donations in lieu of flowers may be earl to Gorgon. Donations in their of flowers may be sent to R.S.P.C.A.. Gwent Branch Animal Home. Ringland Way. Newport. Gwent. Any enquiries please to T.J. Davies & Sons Ltd.. Newport. Gwent, tel: (0633) 258656.

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COX - On February 14th 1990.

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Beacefully at The Cambridge
Military Hospital, Addershot,
Colonel Harold Bernard Cox.

iate R.A.S.C.. of Farnham,
Surrey, Beloved hisband of
the lale Vera, dear father of
Christopher, Angela and
Richard and a much loved
grandfather, Funeral Service
at St. Thomas-on-TheBourne, Farnham, on Friday
February 23rd at 11 am.
Family flowers only,
donalions if desired to
Arthritis and Rheumatism
Council, c/o The Treasurer,
35 Frencham Rd., Farnham,
Surrey, Guilo 38y, or
R.C.T. Regimental Misseum,
Builer Barracks, Aldershot,
Hants, Guil 28x.

CURTIS - On February I.3th.
Deacfully in the Evelyn
Hospital Cambridge, after an
siness braveby borne.
Dorothy Joan, widow of
Brigadier F.C. Curtis, greatly
loved mother of David,
Andrew and Gila and loving
grandmother. graindmother. Funeral Service at St Edward's Church in Cambridge on Friday February 23rd at 1.15 zm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to cremaion. Famuy Howers only. Donations to Addenbrookes Cancer Scanner Appeal, c/o Henry Williams & Sons Funeral Directors, 7 & 8 Victoria Park, Cambridge, C84 3EJ.

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DOBSON - On February 13th.
In Hailfax. Nova Scotla. after
a short lilness. Edith
Archibald (Polly). widow of
Rear Admiral C.C. Dobson
V.C. D.S.D. and bar. Much
loved mother of Joan and
Anne, grandmother of Care,
Robble, Cathy. Andrew and
Maggie and
grandmother of Carotine.
Rory. Kale. Joey. Andrea.
Alexander and Tornmy.

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ELISOTT-BIBBLS On February 14th 1990. peacefully at home. Edward Ussher Elliott C.B., M.A., dearly loved husband of Katharine and father of Margaret Harrop and grandfather of Andrew and Nicholas. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church. Lutton Place. Edinburgh, at 11.30 am on Monday February 19th. to which all friends are invited. Cremation thereafter ELLIOTT-BINNS . invited. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only.

FAITHFULL - On February
12th 1990, in Oxford, John
Leigh, much loved brother of
Lucy, Cremation at St John's
Chapel.
Crematorium, on Thursday
February 22nd at 12 noon.
No Romer by request but he No flowers by request, but if desired donations for Medical Research for Children to be sent to The Manager Matthews watager, National Westminster Bank, 249 Banbury Road, Oxford, Ox2 71R.

FRASER - On February 13th 1990, suddenly. Andrew (Achimota Ghana), loved by all his family and friends. At his request, only his close family at his funeral. family at his funeral.

GOLDSHITH - On February
9th, in Royai United
Hospital Bath, in her 91st
year. Janet Mary Goldsmith
M.C.S.P., daughter of
Francis and Mary Goldsmith,
sister of Lewis, Humphrey,
Toby and Feltx, Loved Aunt
of John, Lydia, Yolande and
Hugh, Funeral Service at
Bathampton Parish Church,
Bath, on Tuesday February Ball. On Tuesday Feorulary
20th at 11 am. followed by
cremation. Family flowers
only. Donations if desired to
Chartered Society of
Physiotherapy. 14 Bedford
Row. London WCIR 4ED.

Row, London Work 124th, peacefully in her sleep, Catherine Young Guy, widow of Bernard Guy, aged 92 years. Cremation at Oakley Wood, Offichurch, Learnington Spa. at 11 am on Thursday February 22nd. No flowers, but donations to Christian Ald.

MAXWELL STUARY - On February 14th 1990. peacefully at home. Peter Maxwell Shart. of Traquair. Requiem Mass in St James' Church. Innerieithen. on Saturday February 17th at 12 noon. Thereafter burial private. Family flowers only. R.I.P.

20th at 10.30 am.

MANUEL. - On February 14th.
suddeniy al home in West
Byfleet. Joseph Thomas
Manuel C.B.E.. Q.P.M. One
of Her Majesty's inspectors
of Constabulary tretired;
Beloved husband of Midge
and father of Howard. Cremation Service at St John's,
Woking, 3 pm Wednesday
February 21st. Flowers to G.
Boutell & Son Funeral
Directors. 50 High Street.
Byfleet. Surrey, kT14 7QL.
or if preferred, donations to
The Police Benevolent Fund.

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RAMSDEM - On February

14th 1990, Str Geoffrey
Charles Frescheville CE ICS,
loving husband of the late
Margaret (née Lovell
Robinson). Indian Civil
Service 1920-1945, Many
years resident of Grayshott,
Hampshire. Funeral at St.
Luke's Church, Grayshott, at
12.30 pm on Thursday
February 22rd. Enquiries to
Ayting Funeral Services,
Guitdford 67533.

RICHARDSON - On February 13th 1990, at Watamu. Kenya, Adrienne, peacefully in her skeep, after a long timess bravely borne. She will be greatly missed.

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ROWLANDS - On February
14th, peacertuity at The Kent
and Sussex Hospital,
Tumbridge Wells, after a long
timess fought with fearless
courage. Hilda Phyllis.
Garling wife of Leohand.
Private Funeral Service at
Tumbridge Weils
Crematorium on Thursday
February 22nd at 3.30 pm.
Family flowers only. but
donations may be sent to Dr.
Barnardos Homes.
Thanksgiving Service to be
announced later.

SCOTT - On February 13th
1990. Jeremy, beloved son
of Pauline and Bill Scott and
brother of Stephen.
Cremation service at
Southampton Crematorium
at 2.45 pm on Wednesday
February 21st.

SECRETAN - On February
5th. Samuel, 3rd beloved son
of Philip and Wendy.
peacefully in his sleep, aged
3½ months. Donations if
wished to Federation for the
Study of Infant Death, 35
Belgrave Square, SW1.

SHELDON - On February
13th. Mary, of Northwood,
aged 76. Dearly loved sister
of Winifred. Funeral at
Breakspear Crematorium,
Ruisilo, on Tuesday
February 20th at 10.15 am.
Family flowers only, donations please to A.R.C., c/o Mr
C.G. Maxted, 10 Chester
Road, Northwood, HA6 Her

Road, Northwood, HA6 1BQ.

STEVENS - On February 14th, peacefully. at Haughgate Nursing Home. Woodbridge. Suffolk. Sylvia Pomona (née Lynn Allen). wife of the late Colonel E.W. Stevens, M.B.E.. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Fuperal 2 pus February 20th at Ipswich Crematorium. Donations welcome to St. Peter's Bruisyard Fabric Fund. c/o Lt. Col. Courlice White House, Bruitsyard.

VERNOON - On February 12th. VERNON - On February 12th in his 75th year, Rutherford of Ford, near Chippenham

of Ford. near Chippenham, for some forty years underwriter at Lloyds. Beloved husband of Eitzeheth and very dear father of Gebrielle, Nick and Salty and brother of May. Funeral Service at North Wraxali Parish Church on Monday. February 19th at 2 pm. Flowers c/o H. Merrett. 57A. Pickwick Road, Corsham, Willishire. WAY - On February 12th

suddenly but peacefully at home. William David, aged 74. Belowed and devoted husband of Fran, loving father of John and Edward, grandiather to Thomas, Oliver. Heloise, William, Marielle and Jereny. Funeral Service at Our Lady Funeral Service at Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, on Wednesday February 21st at 11.30 am, Flowers or donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Reynolds Funeral Service. 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

WILSON - On February 13th

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King George VI died at Sandringham on February 6. The Times reports from New Palace Yard, Whitehall, The Mail, Marble Arch, Paddington Station and Windsor were all couched in a stately, sensitive measure, fully reflecting the solemn grandeur of the day.

King George VI was laid to rest yesterday in St George's Chapel, Windsor, after the coffin had been borne in solemn procession through the streets of London and Windsor.

FROM THE PALACE OF

. In the cold watches just before and just after daybreak the royal guards still kept their vigil over the body of their Sovereign lying within the circle of candlelight that was set like a jewel against the velvet deeps of shadow enfolding Westminster Hall. Now there was none to see and feel the stroke of awe. Before night gave room to day the last of the King's subjects had paid his tribute of reverence and remembrance at the catafalque and gone to a place in the hushed streets of the capital to take his last long farewell. The great, gaunt chamber was held in a silence that the muffled tones of Big Ben could enter but not break...

searched the heart, the naval party, from Speaker's Court the dull green gun-carriage with its gleaming brass and set it in position outside the great door of Westminster Hall to serve as the Sovereign's bier.

Whitehall and Millbank. The guard of honour, for all its trinity of uniform, became one in the lovely precision of pose that is the royal salute; and the naval ratings, as they gripped their ropes in one hand, as though on a collective impulse of sorrow, sank their heads to their

stiffened into salute. And the kings, princes, rulers, and men of name all stood carved in gravity, waiting to pay homage to him who had com-manded the greatest sway.

The gold, azure, and gules of the Royal Standard dressed the coffin in folds, and surmounting it lay the Imperial State Crown, sunk upon a cushion of royal purple, the gold Orb, the Sceptre, the insignia of the Order of the Garter, and the Queen Mother's wreath of white flowers. With tender state the guardsmen laid the coffin on the bier. Even as they drew erect Big Ben struck the first of the 56 minute bells that told the King's age: and naval officers and

tantened the ropes. Slowly, as the sound of funeral bress and drums bearing the Sovereign's Standard; and with him rode the Standard

coverer and a trumpeter. Then came the first royal carriage with half-seen, veiled figures within: the Queen, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, and the Princess Royal The royal Dukes followed on foot - the Duke of Edinburgh in the uniform of a Lieutenant-Commander, Royal Navy; the Duke of Gloucester in Guards' field grey; the Duke of Windsor, sparely built as the people remember him, in naval uniform; and the Duke of Kent, a

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Daked this 12th day of February 1990
By Order of the Board
A. Ahmand, Director
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IN THE MATTER OF CAMBRIDGE WINE CO. LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of
the beolvency Rules 1996 notice
is hereby given that I. Keth David
Coodmen. FCA. a Licensed tracivency Practitioner. of Messrs.
Leonard Curits & Co.. 30 Eastbourne Terrace. London W2 6LF.
was appointed Loudstator of the
above Company by the members
and creditors on Sin February
1990.
Dated this Sin day of
Pebruary 1990.
Reith David Goodman, FCA
Liquidator

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STONECROFT ARTS LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Lemand Curits & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floori. London W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 1994 12:00 for the surposes provided for in Section 58 et acts of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of of the showe Company's Creditor's can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Cartis & Co... 30 Emissional Cartis & Co... 30 Emission

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Creditors must submit a proof of
debt before voting and, unless
they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value.
Dated this 12th day of
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By Order of the Board
J.B Murtony Director
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COLIN ALABASTER AUTOMO-BILES LIMITED Registered num-ber: 1237820 Nature of business: Motor Gerage Proprietors. Trade classification: 19 Date of appoint-Motor Gerage Proprietors. Trade classification. 19 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7th February 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: T59 Bank Pic. Siephen Patrick Jons Wadhod Paul Howard Finn Joint Administrative Receivers Office holder nos: J6064 & 1615 both or Spectrum House 20-26 Cursitor Street London EC4A 1HY

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of Haines Watts. Stanhope House.
110 Drury Lane. London, WC2B
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Liquidator NOTE: This notice is purely for-mal. All known creditors have been, or will be paid in full. BENDER CLOTHING COMPANY LIMITED REGISTERED NO: 1182129

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P. Elades
Administrative Receiver
Sth February 1990 PUBLIC NOTICES

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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BENSER SOFTWARE
SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY CRIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Losoivency Act 1996, that a Meeting of
the Creditors of the above named
Company will be held at 252
Goswell Road, London, ECIV
7EB, on Friday the 16th day of
February 1990 at 12,00 o'clock,
noon, for the purpose mentioned
in sections 100 and 101 of the
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A list of the names and addresses
of the Company's Creditor's will
be avistable for inspection free of
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February 1990
Deired 1st day of
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By Order of the Board
L Booset Director

SECTION 2 AND FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT 1958 NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE POTATO MARKETING SCHEME 1955

Notice is hereby given that amendments to the Potato Marketing Scheme 1955 (as amended to 1 March 1987) have been duly submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Flaheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales. The scheme is applicable to Great Britain.

Copies of the amendments may be obtained, free of charge, from the Registration Officer, Potato Meriesting Board, Broad-Field House, 4 Between Towns Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3NA or may be inspected on personal application at that address or at 50 Heins Crescent, Krightsbridge, London SW1X ONB or at 8 Manor Place, Edinburgh EH3 7DP or at 12 Lammas Street, Carmarthen SAJI 3AD in normal office hours on weekdays (excluding Bank Holidays and weekends). on weekeys (excluding sank rollogs and weekerds).

Any objections and representations with respect to the amendments should be made to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Room 323C, Whitehala Place (West Block) London SWIA 29thl, or the Secretary of State for Soutend, Room 318 Pentiand House, 47 Robbs Loan, Edinburgh EH14 TTW or the Secretary of State for Wales, Week Office, Room 2-091 Cathays Park, Carditl CF1 3NQ not later than 2 March 1990. Every objection must be made in writing and must state the grounds of objection and specific modification required. In witness thereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto afficial on 12 January 1990

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 12 January 1990 I M WHITELAW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FOR Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales on 15 January 1990 l k Walford, assistant secretary Welsh Office agriculture department

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1952 doffed their caps with the other and,

breasts. The gesture worked the more upon emotion for its contrast with the unrelaxed formality of the guard Within that small, separate world to which the Palace railings served as horizon, uniformed figures, clothed in the reds, blues, the greens, and the khakis of half the world's warriors,

ratings made poignant, tiny music as they piped the King on board. At last, the naval ratings raised their heads, put on their caps, and carried faintly from Whitehall, the bier moved forward on whispering wheels towards the west gate. Immediately behind rode a warrant officer of the Household Cavalry,

University news

History, from January 1. Richard M Griffiths: Chair of French Language and Literature and head of the Department of French, from January 1. David Calder Papineau: Chair of Philosophy of Natural Sciences and head of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science; from September

Cammack: Professor of Plant Biochemistry, from October 1989. Alexander Joseph Mac-Leod: Professor of Food Chem-Leod: Professor of Food Chemistry, from January 1.
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Conferment of honorary degrees The following honorary degrees will be conferred at Degree Congregations to be held in Canterbury Cathedral on July

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Dr Colin Radford: Professor of Philosophy, from January 1.

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THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16 1990

Footnote to history

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Bradbury, took over BBC 2's Notes in the Margin last night to write and front his first-ever television documentary. It was an intriguing if oddly uncentred look at the past 10 years through its fiction and its stage and screen

Assembling a star cast of expert witnesses (Margaret Drabble, David Lodge, Richard Eyre, David Hare, Martin Amis and Norman Stone) Bradbury considered the leap from the liberal 1960s and the radical 1970s into a decade of historical theme parks such as Brideshead, and fiscal fictions such as *Serious Money*, which was cheered by the very people who were targets of its satire.

In a decade when immorality

an art form, Bradbury found Drabble worrying about gangsters and greedies becoming beroic. Martin Amis examined the darkening of the comic novel, and Richard Eyre showed us how Pravda began as an outlandish, over-the-top parody but finished up a pale forecast of the truth bout mass-media ownership. Today's satire is tomorrow's under-

Most unnerving of all, perhaps, was Bradbury's encounter on the already crumbling future-shock campus of his own East Anglian University with students who reckoned that the extent of their political idealism was the purchasing of ecologically approved

David Hare, on the other hand, noted that as the Eighties ended, theology had become the most over-subscribed faculty at Oxford. Perhaps there is a God, and if so she is doubtless already trying to assess the mortgage value of Trump Towers in the Calcutta of

At a topical time for black liberation, 40 Minutes (BBC 2) traced the lives of four black masicians from South Africa who have settled in London only to find that the dream of freedom has turned into despair.

Robert Fithole takes a British train and believes there must be security men behind every newspaper, so sinister is the silence in the carriage. Sonti Mudebele was on Paul Simon's Graceland tour, but soon afterwards had to leave her son in Africa rather than risk arrest or death.

Princess Patience came over to star in King Kong more than 20 years ago, but now finds herself in a Brixton flat without much work. Jonas Gwangwa wrote the score for Cry Freedom and remains as haunted as all the others by the racial violence of the nation they iled. Andy Metcalf's film was a once angry and regretful, a study of exile gone wrong because countries can be escaped more easily

Over on ITV This Week managed a literally chilling update on the listeria scare, finding a super-market chief to admit he had no idea whether the frozen food he buys from abroad has been irradiated or not. The fear now is that irradiation will be used not only to kill bacteria but also to clean up contaminated food and prolong its shelf life. In that story somewhere is yet another symbolic note in the margin for the 1990s.

Flashback to the fearless Fifties

John Russell Taylor assesses the images of the 1950s at the

ICA, and Joseph Connolly examines the V&A's plastic show

here is something dist-urbingly and excitingly unfamiliar about the show at the ICA (to April 1) devoted to The Independent Group. It can hardly be the names or styles of the artists concerned, who include Eduardo Paolozzi, Richard Hamilton, William Turnbull and Alison and Peter Smithson. Moreover, no group of young, soon-to-be-fam-ous artists founded in the early Fifties, can be expected to produce a shock of the new today.

And yet, there is something: these artists are all looking positively towards the future, and have confidence in their ability to help shape it. It seems a long time since we have encountered young artists in this country setting out with similar optimis

The Independent Group came together in the shadow of the newly founded Institute of Contemporary Arts, and with the general "tonic for the nation" of the Festival of Britain still working in the system. They were visionaries, looking forward to a new fusion of popular and high culture that would bring contemporary arts into the homes of ordinary people.

In practice they believed (particularly the Smithsons, who were the architects of the outfit) in revolutionizing the way such people lived, sweeping away the war-torn slums in favour of gleaming high-rises enclosing streets in the sky, where the inhabitants could walk and shop, and their children could play without danger.

Now that it is constantly suggested that the 1950s high-rise working-class estates were the result of architects' folie de grandeur and were neglectful of, or actually hostile to, normal human concerns, it is curious to be reminded of these high hopes, the closely argued (if sometimes misguided) social studies on the basis of which this now despised housing was planned. But a glance at the Smithsons' project for the Golden Lane development immediately makes vivid for us the utopian ideals which actuated

them, and many other planners. The most telling part of the show is that which reconstructs, as far as possible, the exhibition This is Tomorrow, staged by the group

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at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1956. A number of displays are remade, and many of the artworks then shown are dusted off.

The latter reveal that not all the group members went on to greater fame and fortune. Who now remembers the painter Magda Cordell, whose work - obviously related to the contemporary tachisme and art brut across the Channel -- still has its own power and individuality, now just emerging from the curse of being too much of the period for its own good. And what about Nigel Henderson, intensely observant photographer of the East End, or John McHale, inventive surreal collagist?

But still the main impact comes from the known names, who appear now as precursors of Pop Art as well as the inheritors of the Dada tradition: either way, they stand out strongly for the breaking-down of barriers between fine art and popular design.

The things that Paolozzi did with film-fan magazine images and extracts from commercial catalogues, or the way that Hamilton put his weight-lifter in the parlour for "Just What Is It That Makes Today's Homes So Dif-ferent, So Appealing?" both foretell a time when the artistic quality of a work is assessed, not by inherent qualities, but rather by where and how it is exhibited. The crop of current British

artists on show in London gal-leries seem for the most part poised between past and future, carful of what is to come or deeply aware of how much of the past is buried in the present.

Peter Simpson, for instance, whose new sculptures are on show at Michaelson and Orient (to March 3) almost literally builds his art out of the wreckage of the past. He began some years ago as a with his delicate porcelain evocations of undersea creatures. Now. his works are definitely sculptures, as much as Paolozzi's are, and in rather the same way, taking found objects, fragments of architectural detail and domestic devices and fusing them into complex moulded or impressed shapes.

They are still made from clay -he has not, like other ex-potters such as Jacqueline Poncelet, forsaken his original material in order to gain more prestige - but by now any connection with the craft end of ceramics is strictly

The sculptures use evocative titles like "Gris Charentais", "Saintonge" and "Volets", and the whole series is entitled "Carcassonne Suite", apparently be-cause Simpson found inspiration in the way that French medieval buildings have undergone change without having evidence of the process tidied away, so that all periods happily co-exist.



John McHale's collage, "Why I took to the washers in luxury flats", took the photographic world apart in 1954

And how the Swinging Sixties finally liberated plastic

"I was born with a plastic speen in my mouth!" sang Roger Daltrey in The Who's Sixties hit "Substitute". From the current revivalist vogue for all things bright and shiny, two facts seem to emerge: first, plastic is no longer considered to be a substitute; and second. Daltrey should have hung on to his

The Plastic Age: From Modernity to Post-Modernity, at the V & A, boasts a wealth of weirdness that one would not immediately associate with the idea of plastic: Vulcanite cheroot holders of 1900 (made to resemble miniature well-smoked meer-schaum pipes), or a comb looking like ivory and, for some reason,

The Edwardians seemed to have been both thrilled by the novelty of these latest synthetics, and determined to disguise the truth of the material. Hence the plethora of dressing table sets and cigarette boxes fashioned from ersatz tortoise shell, ebony, jet and amber — many mounted with genuine silver curlicues which effectively reforce the pretence.

By the 1930s, however, designers in Britain and America were revelling in the modernity of such materials as Bakelite. Although still demonstrating a mottling reminiscent of semi-precious stones, the shapes were decidedly Deco. Radios, telephones and those hair dryers that evoke all the spirit of a Howitzer remain most

evocative of the period, and all are well represented

The Thirties stuff is sophisticated, solid and reassuring, but the true splendour of plastic was not revealed until the Sixties, when even those designers who were not irremedially psychedelic were, at the very least, downright groovy. Furniture came to re-semble big toys for big kids, the ultimate being Aarnio's "Globe" chair of 1961, immortalised in Patrick McGoohan's TV series The Prisoner, and seen here in refreshingly glorious, glossy

The Fifties, by comparison, are skirted over, perhaps rightly. It was that decade that gave plastic

its traditionally tawdry computa tion - brittle, cheap "Empire Made" toys, bleached, cracked buckets, and combs that spat teeth with real venom. One image of the Fifties is evoked by some sad sprays of plastic apple blessom, looking as if they belonged atop plastic coffins (which, incidentally, were actually produced in limited quantities during the War, although none has ever been,

The real joy of plastic comes from goods that could be made from nothing else at all and are a celebration of the material, Lego remains a supreme example. This V & A festschrift could well make people lustful for more rainbowcoloured ice-buckets and salad

for them - certainly it presents the new enthusiasm with colour and brio, and succeeds in making the subject as amusing, nostalgic, scholarly or silly as you want it to be — although there remains something unintentionally humorous about the concept of so much familiar plastic entrapped under

Joseph Connolly

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● The Plastics Age, From Modernity to Post-Modernity is at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7, until April 29. Penny Sparkes's book The Plastics Age is published in conjunc-tion with the exhibition (V & A Publications, £19.50).

One happy side-effect of Judith Weir's recent success is the greater Firework exposure her earlier music is display Here Jane Glover and the London Mozart Players dug out

CONCERT Paul Griffiths

parody of Peter Maxwell Davies's LMP/Glover Ave maris stella, the music as an implicit satire in looking not at Queen Elizabeth Hall plainsong and spiritual truth but

at a scene from the Bayeux Weir is serious, though, about her own slant view. The image of men looking up at a comet gives rise to a luminous treble texture continuously dissolving and reion picture of King Harold looking down at ghostly ships. forming through rippling upward



It was all a long way from the

Here is yet another Wigmore debutante who comes to London with a reputation stretched out like a red carpet before her. In this case America's "newest opera star" earned it, for British audiat Wexford: since then she has been receiving the full marketing treatment across the Atlantic, and has been singing Aida from sea to shining sea.

There is certainly a bold image there to mark it. Marc's physical and vocal stage presence are both larger than life. A carriage to vie with that of Jessye Norman and a programme which takes Beethoven's "Ah, perfido!", Wagner's "Dich, teure Halle" and a final dash of Lehár all in one big stride is clearly a potential hot property.

to thrill; Brahms and Lehar burst

Larger than life

> RECITAL Hilary Finch

Alessandra Marc

Wigmore Hali reality. Marc is far from the finished product; cries of "Va. scellerato" did not pierce as they should; Elisabeth's greeting failed

their stylistic banks. But the expressive shortfall was not a result of any lack of sensitity

swift-moving legato proved that; and so did her four Richard Strauss songs, each one acutely aware of the shifting weight of the word-setting.

natural voice. There is huge potential in its wide and soundly integrated range, its dark bloom in legato, its resilience at fortissimo. What Marc needs now is not the

impetus of a publicity machine, but the patient help of both time and a master craftsman - who can match the core of the voice to the core of the note, so as to make movement bite; who can adjust scale, and focus timbre. Roger Vignoles brought the wealth of potential in Marc's singing to the fore: his piano transcriptions of Wagner and Berlioz were out-

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or as much of a firework display as a classical orchestra can generate - followed by sombre, threatening sounds from horns and low trumpets for the compan-



other oddity of the evening, Wolf-Ferrari's Suite-Concertino, which only the legendary tenacity of bassoonists has kept alive. Kim Walker had some opportunity to show off skills in phrasing and speed, but the thing is dull, dull, dull,

Funny side of strife

is about to break, the cameras are rolling. But before they finish shooting the carefully faked encounter in the opulent Mediterranean patio, the gardener falls into the pool. And the reaction of the presenter as we watch him come up once, twice, three times for air? "Keep talking", "keep that idiot out of shot", "imagine having to set it all up again after lunch".

That's television. It is also quintessential Ayckbourn, in the technical and comic challenge he sets himself. As director of Man of the Moment, he proves as able to handle water as earth, air, and doubtless fire. As author, he somehow makes you feel the scene's awfulness and the dreadful hilarity of its contrasts.

I'm not saying he succeeded throughout in giving us "a completely serious play that makes people laugh without stopping"; but he comes as close to his longstated aim as one could expect, considering his material. Exploitation, careerism, callousness and worse are amply on show; yet I found myself more consistently amused than by The Way Up-stream or Just Between Ourselves, hitherto his blackest comedies.

Exploitation began years ago, when the papers made a hero of the clerk who "had a go" in a bank raid, got him to marry the girl hurt in the scuffle, then forgot him. It continued when television turned the "reformed" robber, Vic. into a popular pundit and wealthy villa-owner. It is still to be seen in the media-managed reunion between this celebrity and his assailant. Douglas, who now drably toils in sunless surburbia.

Ayckbourn, as usual, avoids the obvious. Try as she may, Samantha Bond's sveitely ambitious presenter cannot prod Douglas into expressing envy at this contrast of fortunes. As Michael Gambon plays the part, he is more like the all-accepting Arthur Pewty of Monty Python: placid, bashful, gormlessly grinning from inside his unsuitable tweed jacket as he

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Man of the Moment Globe Theatre

utters yet another platitude - "You can't beat British Airways, not for flying".

So has Ayckbourn substituted caricature — Mr Mediocre from Purley - for predictability? As it turns out, no. Gambon finds an awkward sensitivity under the relentless bonhomie, a buried sadness, and something not often seen on any stage. If it were not so unpretentiously instinctive, you could call it goodness.

Certainly, Vic comes increas-ingly to represent his moral opposite. As Peter Bowles plays him, medallion dangling across bronzed chest, he effortlessly combines Wormwood Scrubs chic with Television Centre brutality. To his wilting wife (Diane Bull)

he is "a selfish scumbag", to the lovelorn au pair (Shirley-Anne Selby), a mercikes tease, and to Douglas, at the play's funnypainful climax, another opportunity for displaying his chivalric impulses. If evil consists of cynicism and complete indifference to anyone whom you cannot use or torment, then Bowles's swaggering Vic is as evil as any character Ayckbourn has invented.

entertaining as it is to the point. One final thing. As vivid a character as any in the play is Douglas's chirpy wife. Nerys: scarred inside and outside, fright-ened of having children, being attacked at home or venturing outdoors, yet putting up with it all. The point is, this archetypal

Ayekbourn vicum never appears.

At this stage of his career, her

author can bring even an offstage

character plausibly to life. What

can the next stage of his career

Yet, if you subtract a somewhat plonkingly ironic ending, it is as

sions of Biblical events which were popular with medieval minstrels. The remoteness means that each section has to be introduced with a lengthy preamble that provides a moral. These amplifications give Coltraine a chance to shine. He attacks with relish almost every figure in the demonology of socialist stand-up comics: from the DSS



A look at life from the other side of the camera: Michael Gambon, Peter Bowles and Shelley-Anne Selby

Comedy from the good book

Alasdair Cameron

Borderline Theatre Company's new production of Dario Fo's Mistero Buffo seemed like an act of contrition on the part of both the director, Morag Fullarton and the star of the show, Robbie Coltraine. Follarton was making amends for Glasvegas, her abysmal offering from last year's Mayfest; and Coltraine for the Hogmanay fiasco in George Square. Happily, Mistero Buffo is a very handsome

Fo's play is based on the scurrilous and blasphemous vernd and points a modern

Mistero Buffo King's, Glasgow

to Scottish Tories, from privatization to Prime Minister. The targets are easy and familiar, but pinned to the gallery with comic

Indeed, there is a sense in which this evening belongs much more to Coltraine than to Fo. From his first entrance to a burst of Verdi, in an opera singer's frock, to his inspired clowning with the holy statues on the set, it is an imbalance between context and text. This is a pity, because Fuliarion and her translator Joe Farrell have concocted a sinuous, playable version in hilarious Glasgow dialect. Coltraine, however. seems happier with his own ma-

The mixture works best best in the "marriage feast of Cane". There, Coltraine's miraculous ear for accents and social comment is given fullest rein. At one point two posh Glasgow ladies are debating whether the Madonna's accent is not just to Assached not just a touch common, when they suddenly remember that, of course, her husband is a joiner. Superb. too, is Coltraine's picture of Pope Boniface VIII as a Mafia gangster. This, however, is balanced with swipes at Ulster's Protestant gangsterism. Here, as too seldom in the evening, we sense difficult questions being asked about religion.

Medieval minstrels sometimes lost their lives for plain-speaking: here, there is no real sense of danger in the material or in the choice of satirical targets. The evening is a celebration of Coltraine's talent as a stand-up comic, but it is a talent worth celebrating.

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Mike Nicholls reveals that the BPI is taking a more professional approach to the 1990 Brits Awards

onsidering the event takes place on Sunday, there has been a remarkable lack of hype surrounding the 1990 Brits Awards. This might have some thing to do with the unmitigated disaster that was last year's ceremony, when presenters appeared to have extreme difficulty reading words of one syllable from an auto-cue, and the scheduled running-order disintegrated into chaos. As the Sun elegantly headlined it "What a rock-up!"

As a result, the BBC and the British Phonographic Industry the music industry body responsible for the whole affair — are sible for the whole affair — are playing it safe. First, the prize-giving will not take place in front of a live television audience. The viewers (estimated, not entirely credibly, at 800 million worldwide) will have to wait 24 hours, handled the all the ambandation. by which time all the embarrassing bits should have been edited out.

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Second, this year the BBC will not be hiring either the Albert Hall or an outside production team. The smaller, if less perfectly formed, Dominion Theatre will be the venue, and the Corporation is using its own trusty products. using its own trusty producer, Michael Appleton. He will be working in conjunction with BPI hired hand Jonathan King, a man more known for his professionalism than his modesty.

"As you will recall, I presented the awards three years ago, and of course it was a great success. But I wanted so much money they

Just the job for a kingpin



Switch of image: Josathan King in, Samantha Fox out what I laughingly describe as devising the awards." didn't bother to ask me again. The next year they made a mess of the

timing, which meant Rick Astley The presenter of the show this didn't get to collect his award, and year will be yet another Sixties face: Cathy McGowan, whom last year we all know about. So this year I'm producing, writing and

ber as the girl from Ready, Steady Go. But, according to King, "the host will not be the pivotal figure. The star of this year's show will be the music itself. This means raising the importance of the individual stars who are present-ing the awards and that of the nominees and winners.

"Then, a lot of artists who don't appear in these categories will also be featured, especially those who are a part of British music and have done a great deal for it. There will be montages showing every-one from Max Bygraves to the Mission. We will see a celebration of British music.'

Clearly the BPI has learned from past mistakes, such as appointing such questionable lu-minaries as Mick Fleetwood and Samantha Fox to do the presenting. But the organization also has other feathers to unruffle, including the controversy over CD prices that Which? magazine pectacularly reopened recently. King seems unconcerned that even people in the industry feel CDs should have dropped in price

"Hiccups about prices will alway cause moans," he replies, "but the basic fact is that the British music industry's image is sensational. Records are being bought all over the world and

feature highly in every major international chart. I personally would hold that music is the most successful industry this country has. English rock might be a little quiet at the moment, but then up pops someone like Nigel Kennedy, who is suddenly giving an image to classical music which it has never had before."

No conversation with Jonathan King is complete without being reminded of his own successes in the Seventies with his own label, UK Records, which he still mod-estly reckons to be the most successful independent company in pop history. "I've still had more hits than Jason Donovan and Bros

combined," he says.

So, since his TV career now seems to be on hold, as they say (after eight years, King's Entertainment USA series has come to an end) are we likely to see the return of JK in his entrepreneurial hat? "Well," he hints, "don't be surprised if I was to re-enter the industry in some capacity or other, but it would have to be fun, exciting and a challenge and above all something I really wanted to

"It is those factors, not money, which drive people like Peter Waterman and Richard Branson. It's a very British attitude and one which explains why our musicians are so successful and why we deserve to have award ceremonies in the first place." So now we

Polish but no passion

ALBUMS

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David Sinclair

Licyd Cole: Lloyd Cole (Polydor 841 907-1)

While doubtless a momentous event to those involved, the parting of the ways between Lloyd Cole and his long-serving Com-motions has had scant effect on Cole's music, notwithstanding his new, stubbly, George Michael-gone-to-seed image.

Lloyd Cole is thus another wellordered, understated and at times rather bloodless collection of Anglicized soft rock songs, which efficiently showcases its creator's distinctively stylized, low-register

One big plus is the deep-twang guitar playing of Robert Quine, formerly of Richard Hell's Voidoids and Lou Reed's band, which gilds many of the songs with an elegant, neo-country ballad touch, the sort of thing that Chris Isaak does with such élan. Quine is joined on several polished, workmanlike performances by drummer Fred Maher (Lou Reed and others) who injects an untypi-cally muscular backbeat into "Sweetheart" and "I Hate to See

You Baby Doing That Stuff". Cole's speciality is to evince a detached, academic interest in the affairs of his heart while keeping the undignified spectre of passion firmly at bay. At his best, as on the moody "No Blue Skies" and the bluesy boogie of "Downtown", he gently stirs up a combination of neat, uncomplicated melody and thoughtful lyrics.

But he is certainly not about to break sweat over any of it and too often his deadpan delivery is as invigorating as a limp handshake. At times, during the mundane whimsy of "Undressed" for instance, the sheer politesse of the exercise becomes tiresome.

The Cramps: Stay Sick (Enigma ENVLP 1001)

Like some of the trashy horror B-movies from which they so gleefully derive inspiration, the Cramps just run and run. It is now 14 years since the ghoulish singer Lux Interior and his frolicsome partner, the guitarist Poison Ivy Rorschach, convened the band in New York. Yet still there are no signs of any smoothing of the very rough musical edges, nor of any dilution of the comedy-shock tactics that have won them such a huge and devoted cult following.

Stav Sick is a high-kitsch assemblage of psychobilly and swampsurf themes played with the customary degree of genial ineptitude. "Journey to the Centre of a Girl", "The Creature From the Black Leather Lagoon" and "Bi-kini Girls With Machine Guns" all bowl along with plenty of Lux's densely echoed voice snarls and roars impressively, while new recruit Candy Del Mar plonks out bass lines that do not so much walk as totter along in the wake of

Nick Knox's erratic snare beat. The group's untypically lively press biography observes that the Cramps' songs are about "decapitations, transmogrifications, psycho-frenzies, invading saucermen, voodoo and pussy", which leaves me with little to add, save to say that they are more fun on stage than they are in the front room.

Johnny Clegg and Savuka: Cruel, Crazy, Beautiful World (EMI CDP 7934462)

Three years ago, Johnny Clegg's seamless fusion of Western rock and South African township jive was still a groundbreaking novelty. Now, although his antiapartheid message has become considerably more voluble, with songs like "One (Hu) Man One Vote" being nothing if not explicit, his music is beginning to sound like a pan-African version of Phil Collins. When his voice reaches the upper register during the catchy pop melody of "Rolling Ocean" his singing resembles that of Sting and indeed, the breezy reggae inflection of "It's an Illu-sion" is redolent of the Police in

It is many years since Clegg was a Johannesburg street performer, and with his 1987 album Third World Child having registered sales of more than two million copies, he has clearly become an influential actor on the inter-national stage. But it still seems incongruous for such an issue-led music to turn out so bright and resoundingly mainstream. Despite the surface fizz, and lyrics evidently written from the heart, the songs here lack the deeper emotional resonance of his best known material, "Scatterlings of Africa" and "Asimbonanga"



Cool Lloyd Cole: passion spent Clint Black: Killin' Time (RCA PD 0443)

Clint Black, from Houston, Texas, is the latest doyen of country music's young fogey tendency. Still only 27, his rich, burnished drawl is a dead ringer for that of Randy Travis (30), himself a diligent student of old-time greats like Merle Haggard, Hank Williams and George Jones.

Unlike Travis, Black leads his own Texan band and performs redominantly his own material His debut album is a relaxed, highly accomplished affair which. even at its jauntiest, as on Straight From the Factory", would not cause Grandpa's rocking chair to miss a beat. Fiddle. steel guitar and harmony vocals drift into gentle but precise focus on traditional sounding ballads like "Nobody's Home" and "You're Gonna Leave me Again", providing eloquent testament to the regenerative qualities which have characterized country music for so long.

WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by David Sinclair, David Toop and Rosê House RODOLFO Y SU TIPICA RA7: 42-year-old Columbian singer Rodolfo Alcardi has been a Cumbia and salsa superstar throughout Sc America since the late Socties, but has America since the late Socies, but has only recently been introduced to audiences in this country by his Cumbia anthem "La Colegiala" which was prominently featured in a television coffee commercial. His Tipica RA7 band are renowned masters of the hot-blooded Latino hoe-down.

Empire, Leicester Square, WC1 (01-437 1445) Sunday, 7.30pm, £7.50.

DISTANT COUSINS: Recently seen supporting Simply Red on their various arena dates, this critically acclaimed trio dispenses a confection of bluesy guitar pop and breezy soul.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) Sunday, 8pm, 28.

HENRY THREADGILL AND THE JAZZ WARRIORS: The New Yorkbased reeds virtueso, renowned as one of the most challenging composers in contemporary jazz, hooks up with Britain's celebrated black big band for the first consent of this work. Britain's celebrated black big band for the first concert of this year's Camden Jazz festival. Also on the bill is Working Week, featuring Simon Booth and Larry Stabbins, and District Six led by South African percussionist Brian Abrahams.

Town & Country, 8-17 Highgata Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303), Sunday & 30cm PZ 80 Sunday, 6.30pm, 27-29.

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS: Bright, buzzy, eccentric Brooklyn duo of John Flansburgh and John Linnell. Renowned for their hyperactive art videos and variety of sounds. Now and then they come across like Jonathan Richman on uppers.

University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1 (01-323 5481), tonight, 7.30pm, 25.

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a tendency to be one-dimensional but
M'billa Bel, who began her career
with Tabu Ley's and has a subtle, tender
voke, clearly values melody as
much as the usual streamlined riffs and
rhythms of Central Africa.
Hammersmith Palais, Shepherd's Hammersmith Palais, Shepherd's Bush Road, London, W6 (01-748 2812), Sunday, 7.30pm, 28.50.

1990 UK RAPPING CONTEST: This may be the chance to see some hit makers of the future. After all, the Cookle Crew started their career by winning a rap contest. Be prepared for the very worst, also.

Camden Palace, Camden Road, London NW1 (01-387 0428), Monday, 7.30 om. £5.

FRANK CHICKENS: KLUB KARACKE: This is guaranteed to be a very amusing evening spent in the strange clutches of Japanese female duo, the Frank Chickens. All sorts of different people set the unset to eith different people get the urge to sing anything from Jolene to Yesterday to backing tracks. Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet (01-449 0048) today, 8pm, 24.95.

AC TEMPLE: Sheffield band who are signed to noise specialists Blast First. They've recently released an album, Sourpuss which sounds like a pleasant version of Sonic Youth. Expect layer upon layer of guitars. The Black Lion, Giles Street, Northernaton (1604) 2321781 policy. See The Black Don, Gries Street, Northampton (0604 22178) today, 8pm, £4. Counterpoint, Princes Way, Blatchley (0908 370003) tomorrow, 8pm, £4. Edwards No 8, John Bright Street, Birmingham (021-643 5610) Sunday, 8pm, £4.

Sad songs out of school

looks as though she's just been told that the family cat has been run down. In her songs, where G is for grieving and H is for hard as in hard luck, there is a similar sense

But in person Tanita Tikaram is a giggler who still inhabits that schoolgirlish world where the extreme of adversity is "boring" and the peak of

ecstasy is "fim".
Her friends, she says, think it is terribly funny to see her on Wogan, because I haven't changed at all"; she in turn thinks it funny that interviewers expect her sudden vast income to have brought changes to

"People have a very funny idea of what happens," she says of her (more or less overnight) transition from Basingstoke's sixth-form song dabbler (with a place at Manchester University) to international record-

ing star.
"Nothing happens. Your hanging are the same. Your joy is the same. It doesn't suddenly become different because you become vaguely

Yet there are perks, are there not? Things like recognition, praise, travel, fun ... and the royalties on 3.5 mil-

tion copies of Ancient Heart. "It's nice," she admits, "but it's not something you really want to think about. You know how bad or good you are. Besides, I'm only 20 years old. I couldn't retire."

Tanita was born to a Fijian Indian father serving in the British Army in West Germany, and a mother from Borneo. Her earliest musical memories are of Otis Redding, The Beatles, Fijian folk music and Patsy Cline - "the sort of things my parents listened to".

She started writing seriously when she was 16, after brief childhood collaborations with her brother. "I picked up the guitar and realized it was something I could do," she says. At 18, after an acoustic floor spot at London's Mean Fiddler club (see below), she was noticed by agent Paul

Charles, who offered to manage her.

Nine months later, she had an album out and in the charts. Almost 18 months after that she has released The Sweet Keeper, a much less varied

Steve Turner meets Tanita Tikaram, the

girl who went from the sixth form to stardom album, and one which raises the question of whether she has the

inspiration to hold her audience. Ancient Heart was the pick of her first two years of amateur songwriting. The Sweet Keeper was written on the run in Europe and America between performances, press conferences and television appearances. Does she now find herself under pressure to deliver the goods? "No, I don't," she says. "I would write whether I was a student or whatever I was doing. I write because I have to. If I don't, I feel awful. It's that basic.

"I have very definite writing phases: 13 songs this month, but before that I hadn't written for four months. Just before you start writing you go through a period where you think you'll never write again. I don't know why that is. Bit weird really." Her songs are packed with images

and have evocative Celtic arrange ments, but if there is a tale being told it is a hard one to follow. She says she is happy for it to be that way, citing the work of Van Morrison and Leonard Cohen in her defence.

"A song should give you a feeling. If it told a story the interest would be momentary and you wouldn't need to go back to it. A good song you can go back to." Currently she is on a three-month

tour of nine countries that began at the Hexagon in Reading, Berkshire, and will end at the Olympia in Paris. "You carry on learning," she says, shrugging her shoulders.

And why is it that she has such a sullen image? "There aren't that many imny photographers around," she says, with a laugh. ● Tanita Tikaram performs at Birmingham Town Hall tonight, Brigh-ton Dome on Sunday, Portsmouth Guildhall on Monday, Bristol (Colston Hall) on Tuesday, and Hammersmith Odeon on Thursday and Friday next



Giggly and girlish Tanita Tikaram: "I write because I have to. If I don't, I feel awful. It's that basic"

At home on the range in the back of beyond

Situated in deepest Harlesden, in north-west London, not exactly the most fashiouable or accessible part of the capital, the Mean Fiddler is hardly an obvious centender for fame as a het night-spot.

Moreover, its capacity is just 600 - compared, for instance, with the Town & Country's 2,000. Yet, eight years after its opening night, the Mean Fiddler has turned into a ire. Under its ownership umbrella, there are now two nightclubs — the Powerhaus in Islington and Subterania near
Ladbroke Grove — plus its latest
acquisition, the 2,000-seater
Grand Theories Grand Theatre in Clapham.

A 43-year-old Irishman called Vince Power is responsible for this mexpected expansion. Power, who formerly ran second-hand furniture shops and still keeps one The Mean Fiddler, once a derelict building, has now become a popular music venue of mythical status, as Rose Rouse reports

going in case his other business collapses, has an abiding passion Phillips promptly contacted all manner of American thrash bands, new country acts and guitar-based for country and western me rock bands, "The Pognes played here for £25," Phillips says, "and Consequently, when a derelict building came up for sale, he turned it into a ranch-like country Lloyd Cole played for £50. People and western venue. "When I first suddenly realized there was a came, everyone was dressed as a venue to be reckoned with that

cowboy," says the promoter, 24-year-old "Dave-id" Phillips. "It was like a country and western weekend at Butlins." wasn't in the West End." The Mean Fiddler organization has a significant financial advantage over many live venues in don — its bars are not run by Phillips was a squatter who lived nearby, but soon afterwards he became the Mean Fiddler's booking agent. "Vince realized there wasn't a big enough English breweries. As a result, Power and Phillips can afford to match fees paid to big bands by much larger venues. Before Christmas, for instance, Big Audio Dynamite country and western scene to played four nights at Subterania, support the venue," he says.

which holds 500 people. "It was a credible thing for them to do," Phillips says. "It's more interesting than playing a big venue."

There are now nine bars at the Mean Fiddler and an Acoustic Research of the continued almost

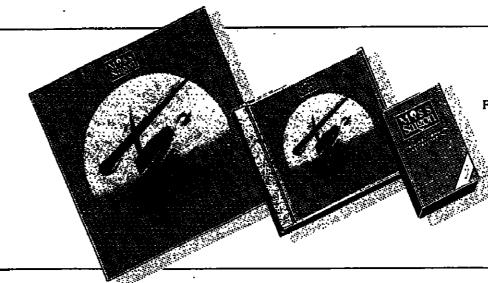
Room that has attained almost mythical status because Tanita Tikaram made her first live appearance there for no fee. There was a real need for a small venue with an intimate atmosphere," Phillips says. Tikaram played to seven people and was signed to WEA shortly

Last year, Power and Phillips took over the promotion of the rapidly ailing Reading Festival.

"The likes of Bonny Tyler were headlining," Phillips says. "We wanted to put on something more diverse, like the European Music Festival." Having persuaded bands like New Order, The Pognes and The Mission to perform, instead of heavy-metal bands, they attracted a crowd of

40,000 for the first time in years. The Mean Fiddler is determinedly isolationist in relation to the music business. "I'm sure some of them still laugh at us," Phillips says. Promoting staff from within, going to Dublin to procure bar staff, encouraging provincial bands to come down in coach-loads with their mothers and fathers - these are all policies which serve to keep the Mean Fiddler organization alone but successful on the hazardous live rock 'n' roll circuit.





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FILMS

Also on national release

Advance booking possible

E BLACK RAIN (18): Crime story by director Richey Scotl about a hardbolled New York cop (Michael Douglas). pursuing a Japanese gangaer through Csaka With Andy Gercia and Ken Takakura (125 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772).

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A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Powerful a parthaio thriller (from André Brink's novel), with Donald Sutherland as a mild schoolteacher whose conscience is finally stirred. Oirected by Euzhan Palcy; with a juicy cameo from Marton Brando

(106 min). Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. FAMILY BUSINESS: Comedy-drama

drawn upon a novel by Vincent Patrick with Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffma as members of a family of crime (100

Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.05, 2.45, 5.35, 8.25. HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): The Disney studio's endearing, family-slanted variation on *The Incredible* Shrinking Man, with Rick Morania as the tuckless inventor who accidentally shrinks his children to minuscule size. Strates as Crade at the Commission (102 min). Noting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.20, 8.30. Odean Kensington (01-802 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45. Odean West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.45. Odean Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

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JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Pa

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Flaw, powerful version of Hubert Selby Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooklyn life, from the director of Christiane F, Ulrich Edel. With Stephen Lang. Jennifer Jason Leigh (102 min). Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.40, 7.25, 10.05. Lannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.20, 5.45, 8.30. Odeon Kensington (01-602 684.5.50

5.05, 7.25, 9.15. ■ PARENTHOOD (12): Episodic heart-warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children. Features a large, excellent cast (Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Jason Robards) (114 mins), Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636), Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05, Cannon Control St. (21, 626 Control Descriptions) Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

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SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warmhearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewite rediscovering romance (109 min). & Cannon Futhern Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dawdling but handsome version of Robert Harling's play about the camaradene of Southern women gathered together in a beauty partour With Selfy Field Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine Directed by Herbert Ross (117 min). Herbert Ross (117 min). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25. Odeon Kensington (01-802 6844). Progs 12.35, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40. Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.55, 9.25.

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Engaging romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 min). Cannon Chelsea (01-362 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45, Octoon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. tomorrow 11.15. Screen on Balter Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 6.55, 9.00. 28 Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35. Late today,

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★ THE BEDBUG: Alarmist Theatre of Brighton show their updated version of Mayakovsky's visionary farce: a citizen frozen for 50 years emerges to a new Russia, along with his bedbug. Rosewary Branch Theetre, 2 Shepperton Rd, N1 (01-226 4433). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat 7.30pm, 24.50.

¥4.5u. ★ BLOOD SROTHERS: Willy Russell's x accord on the trains willy fused it wins destroyed by the English class system; KRI Dee as their mother. Albert Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Lelcaster Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D) CONTEMPORARY NOH: Triple-bill made

up of a 14th-century Non play, a Kyogen comic intertude and Beckett college drawn from Waiting for Godot and other pieces, with the author's consent.

Theatre Museum, Russell St, WI (01-836 2330). Tues-Sat 8pm, 26-27. * HANGOVER SQUARE: Adaptation of

A navisoven Strukte: Acaptation of the eve of the Second World War, with two actresses playing the role of the haroine. Lyric Studio Theatre, King St. WS (01-741 2311). Tubs: Hammersmith. Monsat 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, 26.

★ A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC: Dorothy Tutin, Peter McEnery, Susan Hampshare, in Songheim's elegant and real-parate in Scholland's Segart and touching musical. Ends tonight.

Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-867 1118). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Mats Sat 3pm, £11-£21. MY HEART'S A SUITCASE: Frances Barber in Clare McIntyre's new play tries to sort her life out on a Brighton

Royal Court Theetre, Stoane Sq. SWI (01-730 1745). Tube: Stoane Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, £4-£12.

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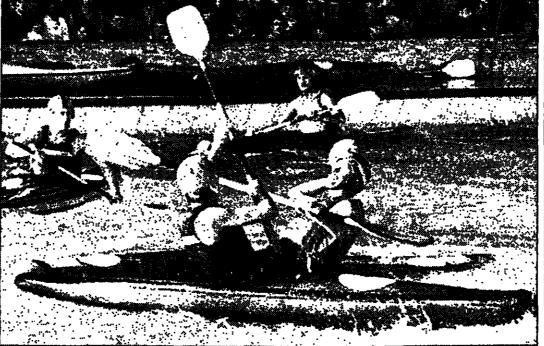
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Little could Captain Frederick Marryat, the adventure book author, have known when he wrote in 1844, "I think it much better that every man . . . paddle his own canoe" that almost a century and a half later, thousands of people in Britain would be doing just that. Canoeing has become an increasingly popular sport and pastime over the past decade. The design of the canoe has also changed dramatically — from the clinker-built, oak-hulled, cedar-decked craft of the 1860s to today's streamlined, lightweight polythene possels. What most neonle think of excursion is in els. What most people think of as canoei fact, "kayaking". A kayak is paddled from a seated position and with a double-bladed paddle, a canoe while kneeling and with a single-blade paddle. A wide

range of courses is available to anyone wanting to take to the water - from placid, white-water, sea canoeing and canoe sailing to sprint, marathon, wild-water racing, polo, slalom and surf kayaking. Visitors to the British Canoe Union's International Canoe Exhibition, which opens at Crystal Palace tomorrow, will be able to learn about the various disciplines, courses and clubs available. They will also be able to watch some of the best paddlers in the country compete in championship competitions. International Canoe Exhibition, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, London SE19 (01-778 0131). Open tomorrow 10am-6pm, Sunday 9.30am-5.30pm, adults £4, children under 16 £2.

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DANCE

Royal Baffet's production. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, £1-

☆ AURORA'S WEDDING: London City

Bailer's production with the dramatic Transfigured Night and the comic Graduation Bail.

Craduation dat. Key Theatre, Peterborough (0735 52439), today 8pm, £8.50, tomorrow 2.30pm, £8 and 8pm, £9.50.

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Stables, Wavendon, Milton Key 08 583928), tonight, 8.15pm, £4-

The Farmers Club, Gresham Rd, Cambridge (info 0223 62086), tomorrow, 7.30pm, 210.

TOMORROW

☆ IAN SHAW: Androgynous white soul

singer whose past performances have ranged from Stax-style hits to jezz ballads. Appearing tonight with soprano sexophonist Lol Coxhill. HO Restaurant, Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-485 6044), 8.30pm, 25.

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☆ A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: Transfer of hit show from the King's Head that catches the sound and feeling of a night out in 1964: clever songs by the Heather Brothers. the Heather Brothers. Arts Theatre, Gt Newport St. WC2 (01-836 2132). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 8pm and 8.45pm, 27.50-217.50.

OUT OF TOWN HULL: * Richard III: Greet Eastern Stage tour northern counties with an all-male cast of styled by Jonethan Oliver as the crowned fiend. Spring Street Theatre, Spring St (0482 23638). Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £4.25.

LEATHERHEAD: ☆ How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the FA Cup; Stage version of J.L.Carr's touchingly funny novel. Thomatice Theetre, Church St (0372 377677). Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat 8pm, 25-29.

PLYMOUTH:

Single Spies: Anna
Carteret, Nell Stacy and David Horovitch
in touring production of Alan Bennett's
Burgess/Blurst double-bill.
Theatre Royal, The Drum (0752
669595), tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm, mat tomorrow 2.30pm, £6.50-£10.50.

CONCERTS MORNING

The Natwest Pleasure: In the Natwest Classics for Pleasure series Serge Baudo conducts the LPO in Bloch's mapsodic Schelomo (Ofra Harnoy, ceilo), Rimsky-Korsakov's Schelerzzade and the Sea Intervided State Care Care to Schelerzzade and the Sea Intervided State Care Care to Section Scriber.

☆ TRANSFIGURED NIGHT: The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under lone Brown performs Schoenberg's Vertains Nacht, Beethoven's Grosse Fuge and Congress Theatre, Eastbourne (0323 412424) 8-10.30pm, £7.50-£9.50.

Mendelssohn's Symphony No 9. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, 25-★ WINTER JOURNEY: Anthony Scales, baritone, sings Schubert's Winterreise cycle D911 with John Humphreys at the plano. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, 23-26.50.

TOMORROW

★ BORODIN/BERLINSKY: The Borodin Quartet offers Shostakovich's Quartets Nos 7 and 8, Schnittke's Quartet No 3 NOS 7 end o, Scantille 3 enterior ve 5 and, with Ludmilla Berfinsky, the Mahler-Schnittie Plano Cuartet. Wignere Hall, 36 Wignere St, London W1 (01-835 2141), 7.30pm, 27.50-215. * SUNRISE SIBELIUS: Andrew Davis

conducts the ISDL SU at Suprise symphonic poem Violin Concerto (solost, Util Hoelscher) and Nielsen's Symphony No 5. Berbican Centre, 7.45pm, 23-214. SUNDAY

★ ALL MAHLER: The LPO is conducted

by Kurt Sanderling in Mahler's lengthy Symphony No 9 with *no* interval. Royal Festival Hall, 7.30-9.00pm, £3-☆ ALL MONTEVERDI: Monteverdi's Vespars of 1610 are heard from the East London Chorus, Nemano

St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, 25-27.

OPERA

★ LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR: Opera Stephen Unwin is conducted by Ivor Bolton. The Playhouse, Weston-super-Mare (0934 623521), 7.30-10pm, 26-27.50.

* THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA: Students from the Royal College of Music Opera School present a new production by Ceri Shericck. Britten Theatre, Prince Consort Rd, London SW7 (01-589 3643, ext 337), 7.30-10pm, £2-£8.

★ LA BOHEME: Peter Knapp's young Travelling Opera presents his revival as part of its opening tour.

SUNDAY

the least afternoon session from the London Swing Dance Society, preced by Jitterburg/Lindy-Hop lessons for the 100 Club, 100 Oxford St. London W1

(01-636 0933), 2.15-5.30pm (lessons 1.30pm) £4.50.

ROCK TODAY

* DIONNE WARWICK: A # DIONNE WARWICK: A transcendental telent who, during a 30-year career, has traversed the boundaries of pop. gospel, jazz, R'n'8 and blues with hits like "Anyone who had a Heart", "Walk on by", "Trans and Boats and Planes", "Do You Know the way to San José?" and many others.

others
Leiteside Country Club, Frimley Green,
near Camberley, Surrey (0252 836464),
tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm, 525-530.
NEC, Brraingham (021 780 4183), Sun
7.30pm, £12.80-£14.80.

TOMORROW

★ LLOYD COLE: Back, without his Commotions but boasting a workmanike new allourn and a strange George Michael gone-to-seed irrage. Usher Hall, Lothian Rd, Edinburgh (031 228 1164), tomorrow 7.30pm, 26-28. Capitol, 431 Unson St, Aberdeen (0224 583141), Sun 7.30pm, 27-28.

SUNDAY

* THE ICICLE WORKS: lan McNabb's extraordinerily resilient rock-melody combo celebrates its tenth year in business, with a change of line-up, a new big label recording contract and a marathon UK tour which starts here. Dance Factory, Ward Rd, Dundee (0382 25836), Sun 7.30pm, £3-£4.

☆ PETER HAMILL BAND: Influential, enigmatic, ex-Van Der Graaf Generator leader abroad with a band for the first time in 10 years to promote his latest album, Out of Water. Theatre Royal, King St, Bristol (0272 250250), Sun 7.30pm, £5-£8.50.

GALLERIES

SIMON LINKE: Ten new paintings reproducing advertisements from a reproducing advertisements from a single issue of the journal Antonn. Lisaon Gallery, 67 Lisaon St, London NW1 (01-724 2739). Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March

GEOFF RIGDEN: New abstract paintings and constructions. Francis Graham-Dixon Gellery, 17 Grest Sutton St. London EC1 (01-250 1962), Tues-Sun 11am-Spm, tree, until March 18. JOSEPH WRIGHT OF DERBY (1734

JOSEPH Wedan OF DERBY (1734-1797): 120 portraits, landscapes and dramatic and original scenes of workmen and scientific experiments. Tate Gallery, Milloanik, London SWI (01-821 7129), Mon-Sat 10am-5-50pm, Sun 2-5-50pm, 23, until April 22. THERESE OULTON: Recent paintings

show how imagery falls ambivalently between landacape and abstraction. Marthomogh Fine Art, 6 Albemarie St, London W1 (01-629 5161), Mon-Frt 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until March 9. SCOTTISH ART FROM 1900: A comprehensive survey starting with Scottish Colourists Cadell and Peolog

and ending with today's young narrative painters, Campbell, Conroy and Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, Silk St. London EC4 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10am-6.45pm, £3, until April

TOM PHILLIPS: The conceptual artist's portrait paintings of friends and seletrations in the art world. Mead Gallery, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 523523), Mon-Fri noon-8pm, Sat 10am-8pm, free, until March



CRAIGIÉ HORSFIELD: Works on paper by one of the more challenging photographers around. Frith Street Gallery, 60 Frith St. London W1 (01-494 1550), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, tree, until March 17. THE WORK OF ANGELS: Masterpled of Celtic metalwork 6-9th centuries AD, including church vessels, brooches and

reliquaries. British Museum, Great Russell St. London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, 22, umil April 20

WALKS

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POLITICAL LONDON - GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: ME tube, 11am, 23.50 (01-668 4019). THE JEWISH EAST END: Meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.50, (01-937 4281).

TOMORROW

SOME LONDON CURIOSITIES: Meet Blackfrians tube, 11am, 23.50 (01-668 4019).

THE CITY OF LONDON — A 2,000 YEAR HISTORY: Meet Monument tube, 2.15pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019)

SUNDAY

LONDON: ROYAL AND ARISTOCRATIC: Meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, 23.50 (01-668 4019). PICTURESQUE HAMPSTEAD VILLAGE AND THE HEATH: Meet Hampstead tube, 11am, £3 (01-624 9981).

OTHER EVENTS

TRINIDAD CARNIVAL: For children aged seven to 11, steel bands, calypso, soca, song and dance plus compensions for Best King, Queen, Pierrot, Band and pancers

Galleries, Kensington High St, London W8 (01-603 4535). Today 10.45am-3pm, sion 50b.

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: Sotheby's experts value your antiques and accept items for auction. The Town Hall, Hove, East Sussex. Today 10am-1.30pm.

DAILY MAIL INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY SHOW: All aspects of holidays and travel in the UK and abroad plus continuous entertainment and

Ear's Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, London SW5. Today noon-6pm, tomorrow and Sun 10am-8pm. Adult 23, children 5-16 21.50, under-fives free. ANTIQUE FAIRS: Today until Sun in Leicester at the Moat House Hotel

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KING: New musical celebrating life of campaigner Martin Luther King with music by Richard Blackford and lyrics by Maya Angelou. From April 11. Piccadilly Theatre, London Wt (01-867

LAST CHANCE

A NEW PROSPECTIVE: Paintings and sculptures by prize-winning graduates of London and Paris art schools. Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Rd, gton, London W14 (01-602 3316)

THOMAS VENON BEGBIE: Edinburgh Rediscovered: Photos of Edinburgh from 1857. City Art Centre, Market St, Edinburgh.

Broughton House Gallery, 98 King St. Cambridge (0223 314960). Ends today.

son; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries David Lee, Walks: Greta Carslaw, Other Events: Judy Froshaug Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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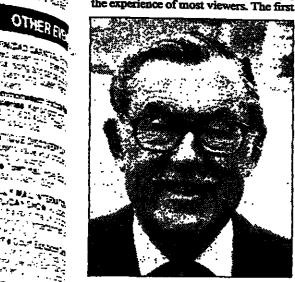
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• Whicker's World (BBC1, 8.10pm) is peopled by the successful, or the very rich, or the amusingly eccentric. The main thing is that they have a good story to tell. Whicker knows that the secret of a successful programme is a good interview and one would guess that 90 per cent of the show is lining up the right subjects. The other ingredient is Whicker himself, crisply blazered, gently scep-tical, not above flattery ("you married Susanna, who is gorgeous") and able to ask mildly personal questions without seeming impertinent. The effect is comfortable and reassuring, presenting a reality that is nevertheless divorced from the experience of most viewers. The first



Alan Whicker: hob-nobs effortlessly with the millionaires (BBC1, 8.10pm)

Whicker's World was made 30 years ago in Hong Kong. For his latest series he has been back. With the approach of 1997 and the spectre of repossession by China, he has had to depart somewhat from the well-oiled grooves. Tonight's opening programme modifies the usual amiability to reflect the angst of a pampered people for whom the party is nearly over. As always, Whicker extracts a veritable barrage of good quotes. This world, at least, is under threat. But switch on next week to programme two and the dreaded Chinese might not exist. Declaring that in Hong Kong "the few poor are not very poor and the rich are rich indeed", Whicker samples the high life. This is more like it. Insinuating himself into lunch parties where the caviar is spooned out like trifle, Whicker hob-nobs effortlessly with the millionaires and their bored wives, "Did someone tell me you had 23 Ferraris?," Whicker asks one well-heeled guest. "No, 27 actually".

• Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) is repeating last season, The Other Graham Greene. Building on Greene's notorious reluctance to appear before the cameras (though we do hear his voice), Nigel Finch allows his imagination to roam in an almost surreal examination of the nature of identity. He is helped by Greene's biographer, Professor Norman Sherry, who contrives to appear no more real than the solicitor, the plumber and the demolition man who all insist that they are the true Graham Greene. The film also goes in search of the double who, Greene insists, is roaming the world pretending to be him. If at the end the novelist remains as elusive as ever, much fun is had along the way.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceetax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Chris
Lowe and Jill Dando, includes
regular news headlines; business
reports; sports bulletins; regional
news, weather and travel
information; and a look at the
morning papers with Paul Catlan
8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Viewers comment on
yesterday's television. To
contribute ring 061 814 0424
9.20 Kitroy. Robert Kitroy-Silk chairs a
studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by
Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by
Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays
10.50 Robert Parrated by
Richard Briers (r) 10.55 Five to
Eleven. Barrie Ingham with a
reading

11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air, introduced by Jayne Irving
and Eamonn Holmes. Includes
the second of two location reports

the second of two location reports from the popular scap
Emmerdale, this morning from Emmerdale Mill where the interior scenes are filmed

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers are joined by Simon Potter with the latest news and gossip and by Zandra Rhodes who gives a guided tour of her garden 12.55 Regional news and weather veather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather 1.30 Neighbours.
Harold is forced to swallow his pride and apologize to Joe; and Todd finds things are becoming difficult with Skinner. (Ceefax)

1.50 Film: The Devil at 4 O'Clock

(1961) starring Spencer Tracy and Frank Sinatra. Adventure about a group of convicts who help leper children from a missionary hospital escape a volcanic eruption on a Pacific island. With Jean-Pierre Aumont. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy
3.50 is That a Fact? A look at the

Is That a Fact? A look at the legend surrounding the Triangular Lodge in Northamptonshire 4.05 Bananaman Investigates the Harbour of Lost Ships (r) 4.10 Jacksnory. Rory McGrath with the story of Mad Jan Ironsides of Boggarts End, by Martin Riley 4.25 New Yogi Bear Show 4.35 Coppers and Costarring David Copperfield (r) Newsround Extra. Helen Rollason reports on a scheme initiated by the Royal Ballet in which schools around the country can "gdopt" a

Royal Ballet in which schools around the country can "adopt" a dancer. The programme includes pupils from a south-east London school visiting "their" dancer behind-the-scenes at the Royal Opera House 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 14. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

6.30 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather 6.30 Newsroom South East

7.00 Wogan. Terry Wogan is joined by Alan Whicker, Oscar-nominated actress Brende Fricker and hoazer Alan Abel. Adam Ant provides the music

the music 7.45 'Allo 'Allo! Edith is beside herself with rage when she discovers that René's childhood sweetheart — now the head of the Communist Resistance — wants to marry him. The last man to refuse her offer of marriage tried to fit from the top
of the Effel Tower. Starring Gorden
Kaye, Carmen Silvera and Moira
Foot (r). (Ceefax)

8-10 Whicker's World. (Ceefax) (see

Choice)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Sub Name O'Clock News what Michael
Buerk, Regional news and weather
9.30 Cempion: Dancers in Mourning,
part two. Influenced by his feelings
for Linda Sutane, Campion
refuses to believe the evidence
against her husband and continues trying to clear his name. But when another murder occurs,

But when another murder occurs,
Sutane's innocence becomes
impossible to sustain. Starring
Peter Davison, Brian Glover, Pippa
Guard and Ian Ogilvy. (Ceefax)

10.25 Film: The Dirty Dozen (1971)
starring Lee Marvin, Telly Sevalas,
Charles Bronson and Donald
Sutherland. Second World War
adventure about 12 criminal Gi prisoners. They are selected from a group of volunteers to carry out a crucial but suicidal mission to destroy a French chateau used as a resting camp for top German officers. Directed by Robert Aldrich.

ITV/LONDON ...

6.00 TV-am begins with News and
Good Morning Britain presented by
Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by
Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With
news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes
Russell Grant with his sunsigns
9.25 Lucky Ledders. Word association
game 9.55 Themes News and
weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . A topical discussion under the chairmanship of Mike Scott
This Morning, Magazine series
presented by Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley, Today's edition
includes features on personal

includes features on personal grooming; pet care; and gardening. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets
12.30 Home and Away. Carly is delighted with her new counsellor and Donald deliberates over Morag's threat

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and

1.30 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter rrs a vers Line, John Baxter meets pet psychiatrist, Roger Mugford, and Anna Walker visits Chester Zoo and does the rounds with their vet, Mr Lyon 2.00 The 3.25 Thames New and Weather
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Michelle

3.30 Sons and Daughters. Michelle shows her true colours
4.00 Utterly Brittlent. Instrument maker David Sawyer illustrates how to turn a rolt of cling film into a flute and a hosepipe into a trumpet 4.20 Round the Bend. Last in the series 4.45 Palace Hill. Last in the comedy series
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.

Weather

5.55 Crime Monthly Preview

6.00 Six O'Clock Live includes a progress report on 13-month-old Fyodor from Russia who this

week received a vital heart operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital at Great Ormond Street Hospital
7.00 Concentration. Game show
hosted by Bob Carolgees
7.30 Coronation Street. Aima
Sedgewick has to decide where her
loyalties lie. (Oracle)
8.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black
with a new series of the show that

springs surprises on people all over the UK — and in the audience 9.00 The Chammer, Gorse, The Tempter starring Nigel Havers, Bernard Hepton and Fiona

Fullerton. The "Charmer" is Ralph Ernest Gorse, a minor public schoolboy, social climber and seducer of women, who is forever seeking the main chance. The story begins in September 1938 when Gorse, down to his last few pounds and one good suit, meets and sets out to hook a colonel's widow, less Blusticist Brase (4) (Orselo). Joan Plumleigh-Bruce (r). (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and

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LW7 News and weather
10.40 Crime Monthly. Paul Ross
examines recent crimes which have been committed throughout London and the South East, in particular a comman who has swindled American women out of thousands of pounds

11.40 Beauty and the Beast: China Moon. When an attractive girl from Chinatown attempts to avoid an arranged marriage to the grandson of a powerful Tong leader, Vincent and Catherine help her and her boyfriend escape underground am Married...with Children. Al

and Peggy go away for a romantic weekend, leaving Marcy and Steve to baby-sit for Kelty and Bud 1.00 The James Whale Radio Show. topical issue with studio guests and viewers who can join in by ringing 0532 461000. Followed by News headlines

2.00 CinemAttractions. The United

States's top box office films of the

2.30 The Fati Guy: Femme Fatale.
Howie goes undercover as a female impersonator to protect a witness who is hiding from a killer (r) who is filding from a killer (r)

3.30 Ski Tips. Advice from the experts.

4.00 Ski World. A where to go, what to do and what to wear guide to skiing and ski resorts. Followed by News headlines

4.30 Crusade in Europe (b/w).

Rommel's desert campaign

5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon 7.10 Close 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 Ceefax 9.15 Daytime on Two: science for the

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neadteachers?

5.30 Food and Drink (r)

6.00 Film: Carry On Nurse (1959, b/w)
starring Kenneth Williams. Comed
set in the men's surgical ward of a
general hospital. Directed by Geral

Thomas
7.30 Visions, Sir Clive Sinclair talks about his career. (London only)
8.00 Public Eye: The Nuclear Obsession — Time for an Energy Alternative? A look at why Brisin with he commitment to Britain, with its commitment to nuclear power, is falling behind other countries which are discovering less costly and more ecologically

sound sources of energy
8.30 Gardeners' World. The first of a
new series
9.00 Colin's Sandwich. Cornedy series
starring Mel Smith. (Ceefax)
9.30 Arena: The Other Graham Greene

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(r). (see Choice)
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather
11.20 Film: Up Pompeii (1971) starring
Frankie Howerd. Comedy about the
scheming slave of a Pompeiian
senator. Directed by Bob Kellett
12.50am Behind the Headlines. See
4.30. Ends at 1.20

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Seaame Street

2.00 Tourism: The Welcome Business.
Open College course examining the tourist industry. (Oracle)
2.30 North and South, Book II. Drama serial set during the American Civil

War (r)
4.15 Movie Museum (b/w). Mabel's
Strategy (1913) Keystone comedy
with Mabel Normand. Followed by
Valentino II (1925). Scenes from one
of Valentino's last films, The
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4.30 Countdown
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Comedy starring Lucille Ball
5.30 Information Technology. Building computers that can listen (r)
6.00 Scott. Last in the food series presented by Dawn French (r)
6.30 Micrk and Mindy. Comedy starring Pam Dawber and Robin Williams
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. Weather
7.55 Book Choice. Columnist John Diamond reviews Clifford Stoll's The Cuckoo's Egg. (Oracle)
8.00 The Great Moghals. Bamber Gascoigne visits Akhar's palace city at Fatehour Sikri
8.30 Walkle Talkie. Muriel Gray in conversation with Professor James Lovelock, a scientist and originator of the Gala Theory
9.00 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Oracle)

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9.30 World of Herbs. This final programme of the series examines aromatherapy (Oracle)

10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? More

10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? More improvised comedy from John Sessions, Josie Lawrence, Tony Slattery and Greg Proops
10.30 One Hour with Jonathan Ross. Among the guests are Rick Morannis, Queen Bee, Peter Elliot, Julie Cruise and Billy Boy
11.30 Film: Suburbia (1983) starring Bill Coyne. Drama about runaway teenage punks in an abandoned Los Angeles house. Directed by Penelope Spheeris
1.15am Film: Kitchen Sink (1989). A wife faces a waste disposal

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SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Breaker Morant (1979): Three
members of an Australian platoon during the
Boer War are court-martialled for murder
4.00 Asterix in Britain (1986): Animated

film
6.00 Pals (1987): Don Ameche and
George C. Scott come across a suitcase of
Malia drug money
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Anna (1987): Sally Kirkland as a
Czech immigrant who finds it difficult to
adapt to life in New York
9.40 At the Pictures Circum releases 9.40 At the Pictures: Cinema releases
10.00 Deadly Pursuit (1988): Sidney
Poitier and Tom Berenger pursue a
psychotic killer into the Canadian
mountains

11.45 Outrageous Fortune (1987): Bette
Midler and Shelley Long discover they have
been cheated by the same man
1.30em A Death in California — Part
Two (1985): Concluding the true story of a woman who becomes involved with a psychopathic murderer. With Cheryl Ladd 4.00 Table for Five (1983): A divorced father (Jon Voight) battles for the custody of his three children. Ends at 5.55am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00 Football 11.00 North American Indoor Footpat 11.00 North American Indoor
Tennis 1.00pm Indoor Football:
European Championships 2.00 Basketball
3.30 Trax 4.00 Speedskating: Ladies'
World Championships 5.00 North American Indoor Tennis 7.00 WWF Prime Time
Wrestling 9.00 Ford Ski Report 10.00 North American Indoor Tennis 12.00 Havoc (9)

6.00am Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the 6.00am Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Club MTV 12.00 Kristiane Backer 1.00pm Marcel Vanthilt 4.00 3 from 1 4.15 Marcel Vanthilt 4.30 Coca-Cola Report 5.00 Remote Control 5.30 Week in Rock 6.00 Ray Cokes 7.00 Yo! 7.30 Club MTV 8.00 At the Movies 8.30 Ray Cokes 9.30 Eric Clapton 10.00 Coca-Cola Report 10.15 Maiken Wexo 11.00 120 Minutes 1.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00mm Wide World of Sport 8.00 Motor Racing 10.00 Football 11.45 Boxing 1.15pm Pro Bowlers 2.30 Sport en France 3.00 Football 5.00 Powersports 6.00 lce Speedway 7.00 US Pro Ski Tour 7.30 lce Hockey 9.30 lce Speedway 10.30 Spanish Soccar

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Fashion File 10.35 Wok With Yan 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Star Time 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Julio Iglesias 2.40 Search for Tornorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Target: The Corrupters 4.05 Travelview 4.35 Lifestyle Plus 4.45 Great American Gameshows

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5.30em until 4.30pm, then at
7.30, 6.30 and 10.00pm
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Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates
12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45
Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in
the Afternoon 5.30 News '90
6.00 Singled Out 7.30 Jeff
Young's Big Beat 10.00 The
Friday Rock Show 12.00 The Mary
Whitehouse Experience 12.302.00em The Rankin' Miss P

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MMM News on the hour Headlines 5.30mm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30
4.00mm Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pms David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Humpiford 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Syd Lawrence in Concert 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.30 The Organist Entertains 10.00 The Golden Years 10.30 An Actor's Life for Me (new series) (see Choice) 11.05 Billy Butler 1.00mm Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music FM Stereo and MW

WORLD SERVICE

S.00am Morganmagazin 5.35 News in German: Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Financial News 5.57 Swatter and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Eastern Europe: The Fight from Communism 8.00 World News 8.00 World News 9.00 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Seven Seas 10.01 Focus on Faith 10.30 Gold and Silver 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britam 11.15 Stories by Katherine Mansfeld 11.30 Midl Megazine 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Eastern Europe: The Fight from Communism 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 1.30 John Peel 2.00 World News Cotdook 2.30 John Peel 2.00 World News Cotdook 2.30 John Peel 2.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.35 Music Review 4.00 World News 4.09 News about British 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Factures 7.54 Nachrichten a.00 World News 8.09 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.15 The Story Lives On 8.30 People and Politics 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.35 The Story Lives On 8.30 People and Politics 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.30 News 11.30 News 11.30 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 News 2.0

6.55am Weather and News 7.00 Morning Concert Bach (Partita No 1 in 8 flat: Tatyana Nikolayeva, piano); trad, arr Patterson (I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray: Ambrosian Singers under Willis Patterson)

7.35 News 7.35 News (cont):

Messiaen (Thème et Varietious; Eizabeth Perry, violin, Yitkin Seow, piano);

Dvořák (Legends, Op 59;
Bamberg SO under Jarvi)

2.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week:

basses)

9.35 The Apotheosis of the Dance: Wagner described Beethoven's Seventh Symphony es such, and it is the centrepiece of this programme. Recently recorded by the London Classical Players under Roger Normington. Other dence music in the programme includes

by Britter, Calacte, Haireson and Tippett 2 Ulster Orchestra under Nichcias Cleobury performs Wagner (Overture, The Flying Dutchman); Manier (Biumine); Brahms (Symphony No 3)

1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchestar: Live from Manchesser: Live from
Studio 7. Allegh String
Quartet performs Haydin
(Quartet in E flat, Op 78 No
6); Elgar (Quartet in E minor)
2.05 Daniel Jones Symphonies:
BBC Welsh SO under Bryden Thomson performs
Lyadov (The Enchanted
Lake, Op 62); Jones
(Symphony No 6)

2.45 Tales from the Alhambra:
Emits Van Esser account Emity Van Evera, soprano,

Emily Van Evera, soprano, Nancy Hadden, Nancy Hadden, Hute/recorder/crumhorn, Ein Headley, vlola da gamba/fiddle, Paul Chateauneuf, vihuela/guitar, Andrew Lawrence-King,

RADIO 3

harp/psaltery, perform songs, dances and fantasias from the Spanish Empire by Encina, Fuenitana, Escober and Giovan Tomaso di Maio. Circa 1500 (r) 3.45 Petrushka on the Piano: Nomura-Keuschnig Duo perform Stravinsky's own rangement for two pianos

(Ceefax)

Composers of the Week:
Shostakovich —
Propegandisti Song of the
Forests (Boys of the
Moscow State Choral
School; RSFSR Academic
Russian Choln; Moscow
Philharmonic SO under
Alexander Yurlow); Rayok —
a satirical cantata (Members
of the Choral Aris Society of
Washington under Mistislav
Rostropovich, plano, with
Jonathan Deutsch, Eric
Halverson, Julian Rodescu
and Andrew Wantzel,
basses)

final programme on the traditional lazz revival in Britain, Alyn Shipton concentrates on the career of drummer Barry Martyn 6.15 The Works with David Owen Norris
7.09 News
7.05 Third Ear: Dr Judith Collins
in conversation with ardst
Valerie Thornton whose exhibition of new prints and paintings is on show as the Albernarie Gatlery, London 7.30 Fretwork: Live from Studio 1, Pebble Mill. Paul Nichelone, Grann, Plans

programme includes Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances in his version for two pianos, Revel's La Valse, and Valses nobles et sentimentales, and dances by Britten, Gluck, Rameau

1, Pebble Mill. Paul
Nicholson, organ, plays
William Lawes (Consort
suite a 6 for the biols No 5
in F): Purcell (Fantazias in
three parts: No 1 in D minor;
No 2 in F; in four parts: No 7
in C minor; No 8 in D minor. NO 2 IN F; In rour parts: No r in C minor; No 8 in D minor; in five parts upon one note in F; In nomines in six parts in G minor; in seven parts in G minor 8.10 Alec McCowen reads from John Donne's unfinished poem "Metempsychosis" or "The Progresse of the Soule"

8-30 Lawes (Pavan and two airs with divisions for organ and two bass viols in G minor); Purcell (Fantazias In four parts: No 5 in B flat; No

to the parest NO 3 th 5 mar; NO 11 in G; Voluntary for organ In D minor); Lawes (Consort suite for the violes a 6 No 1 in C minor) 9.30 The Friday Play: The False Servant, by Marivaux, translated by Michael Sadier. In 18th-century France, a rich Parisienne, dressed as a man, has beer escorted by her fignce to a country chateau. With Janet McTeer as Chevaller, Tim McInerry as Lelio and Imogen Stubbs as the Countess

11.00 Composers of the Week: Haydn - Music of the 1780s

.12.00 News

Oaks) (r) 5.45 Back to the Delta: In his

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 6.55, 7.35 Weather; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

(r)
4.25 Orpheus Chamber
Orchestra, with David
Singer, clarinet, performs
Mozart (Symphony No 33 in
B flat, K 319); Copland
(Clarinet Concerto); Elgar
(Serenade for Strings);
Stravinsky (Dumbarton
Osks) (r) 9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley

John Howard.

12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper 12.55

Clarks 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Introduced by Rosemary Hartil from Newcastle, Naws from the first of the initiative run in conjunction with the Department of Employment. Includes help and advice for women who

4.05 All in the Mind: Professor

RADIO 4

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with conductor Michael Tilson Thomas (s)

9.45 Feedback Chris Dunkley
ahs listeners' and viewers'
comments on BBC
programmes and policy
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Mrs
Lamond's Lament, by Wilma
Coghill: Read by Elaine
C. Smith
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: The Sins of
Wages. David Walker
assesses the state of the
economy in the light of
Government warnings about
the danger of excessive pay
increases (r)

increases (r) 11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow discovers how long sugar has been used for jam-making and why the sea is saity 12.00 News; You and Yours with

Weather 1.00 The World at One with Nick regional conferences in the "Back to the Future"

wish to return to work after having a family. National helpline open from 11am-5pm (0800 100 900) News; Classic Serial: That Hideous Strength, by C.S. Lewis. Four-part dramatization by Stephen Maliatratt (3) (s)

Anthony Clare with the magazine devoted to matters of the mind (r)
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Vaughan, Kate

Saunders reviews Bernice Rubens's book Kingdom Come, Polir Toynbee on My Heart's a Suitcase at the Royal Court Theatre, London; and an Interview with artist Sue Taylor, whose Cilworkers exhibition is showing at Purples Art is showing at Dundee Art Gallery (s) (r) 5.00 PM with Robert Williams

sand Frances Coverdale
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.60 Six O'Clock News; Finance

Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs
with travel and transport news 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby in Tunbridge
Wells, Kent, with panellists,
Eric Forth, MP,
Parliamentary Under
Secretary of the Department
of Trade and Industry;
Maeve Sheriock, president
of the National Union of
Students; writer and
journalist Janet Deley; and
Dennis Skinner, MP
8.50 Law in Action: Feview of
events in the courts and the
legal profession with Marcel
Berlins
9.18 Kaleidoscope. Keeping Your
Distance. Examines the 7-20 Pick of the Week with

Distance. Examines the plight of writers in exile and includes interviews with Anthony Sher, Alexander

Balanscu, Irina Ratushinskaya and Zdena Tomlin (s) 9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with David Sells (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love Lessons, by Joan Wyndham, (final part)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Walls, David Tate, Sally Grace and John Baddeley (s)
11.25 The Financial Week presented by Vincent Duggleby
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30 am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast
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RECEIPTAGE CONTROL OF THE PARTY
(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• Welcoming the re-run (Monday nights, Radio 4) of The Burkiss Way the other day, and deploring the current state of the half-hour radio comedy generally, I quite forgot about An Actor's Life for Me (Radio 2, 10.30pm), Paul Mayhew-Archer's series about everyday theatrical folk. I wouldn't claim for it that it offers a laugh a minute, or deny that some of its jokes are



Wilson (Radio 2, 10.30pm) but anyone who knows anything about actors in action will recognize that, give or take the odd loony or two among his dramatis personae. Mayhew-Archer has correctly put his finger on the profession's pulse. Tonight's story again centres on Robert Wilson, victim of all the slings and arrows that outrageous theatrical fortune can loose

is Macbeth, which few actors off. Since the play being staged

dare to name for fear of being struck down by its traditional curse, Wilson (endearingly played by John Gordon-Sin-FM as 1.44 excapt: 11.00-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55 Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For schools (s) 5.50-5.55 (cont) 12.30-1.10 Night School clair) is buffeted even more than usual. If the drama critic of The Independent is in a provoked into writing Lid, Churchil House, 17 London
Moudenest American Services (See Band, Storage Kart BR1 106 whimsical mood, he might be

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The world of 'snaps' loses a legend







Norman Parkinson, the photographer and his subjects: the Princess Royal, centre; a Vogue model, right; and the Queen Mother with her daughters, the Queen and Princess Margaret.

Key probation officers criticize reforms plan

By Frances Gibb. Legal Affairs Correspondent

came under attack last night rooted in the lives of people from chief probation officers and communities." and the service's rank and file.

service being replaced with a Accent on control... new, national organization for England and Wales, were the aim of ensuring that the described as "unworkable" by probation service effectively the National Association for implements the Govern-Probation Officers. Criticism ment's new criminal justice also came from the Associ- strategy for more punishment ation of Chief Officers of in the community.

Home Office plans published Probation. It said there was no yesterday for the biggest need to replace the locally shake-up of the probation organized service. "Probation service since it was set up is a strongly local service

At the heart of yesterday's · The plans, which could lead Home Office Green Paper is

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

It was typical of Norman Parkinson that he was scouring remote locations in a fashion spread when he fell ill.

Britain's foremost and much-loved fashion and portrait photographer who bas died in Singapore was on assign for Town and Country. To create his celebrated, vibrant, spontaneous-looking fashion "snaps", as he called them, nothing was left to chance.

Whether it involved preparing uniform blue satin capes which he then produce in triplicate for the famous pertrait of the the Queen and Princess Margaret, or sporting a mock stone plinth to Moscow to turn Jerry Hall into a

ment, his takent was to surprise. Everyone who knew him called him Parks. Only Wenda, his wife of 40 years, who died in October 1987, called him by his name, Ronald. The "Norman" was a

legacy from his first venture as a professional photographer, when he, and a fellow apprentice. Norman Kibblewhite, set up the Norman Parkinson portrait studio in Dover Street in 1934. In the decades since, this elegal patrician figure dressed invariably in rather raffish lond tweeds or a loose

Indian tunic worn with a wide belt, had

Obituary...

established himself as a sharp observer of style and a unique technician.

himself a pig farmer, which indeed he was in a small way at his home at Tobago, in the Caribbean.

Every sitter however famous indeed Royal - lost all inhibitions when faced by Parks, clowning behind his camera to demonstrate a pose and wearing his famous kashmiri beeded cap.

He insisted his pictures would not come out if the beeded cap was not in place. Sometimes two caps were worn when a new one was being trained. "The gremlins living between the lens and the film can spoil your best efforts, you

He admitted to being superstitions about other matters too. He was particularly shattered when four weeks to the day after the death of his wife the house they had beilt together in Tobago burnt down, destroying everything he had

Parks preferred photographing real people, not models. "They give more to v Svenoali camera." he said.

Photographers paid tribute yesterday. Terence Donovan who like Parks, has taken many recent royal portraits, said there was a high energy level in Parkinson's pictures that nobody else could copy, while David Bailey said: "The photographic world has lost a great

Political sketch

Choosing between Right and wrong

Portsmouth, lost the sailors'

"Any proposal to reduce the age of consent for hohmoh-sex-ewells" he told the Prime Minister, "would be unacceptable and ..." - here Mr Martin, who looks a clean-living and serious-minded fellow, paused, searching for words which adequately reflected the depth of his horror — "and ...
utterly ... crackers!"

Across the floor, Tony Banks (Newham NE) peered cheekily up from his notes. Give us a kiss!" he shouted. Mrs Thatcher agreed with Mr Martin, not Mr

Banks. This, she felt, would give "totally the wrong signais" to young people.
Surely the Prime Minister is right! The purpose of an "age of consent" is to make sure people are old enough to know what they are doing.

Were there, for instance, an age (or height) below which you were not permitted to be a sports minister, our young Colin Moyniban could not have been corrupted, by a much older woman into unspeakable aberrations involving plastic cards and steel turnstiles. Little Colin may never recover from this horrific interlude - though to her, of course, it was just another "affair", one of many, easily forgotten.

Young people can very easily become "fixed" in a pattern of behaviour, if thrust upon them too early and before personality is fully formed. I have some evidence of a personal nature to submit.

In the late 60s, when I was 19 and at Cambridge University, the Government changed the law. There was opposition to this reform from many Conservatives, but it attracted better support from Labour and was carried. So one morning - quite unexpectedly - I found I was

entitled to vote. But was I ready for de-cisions like this? Who knows? All I know is that a much older boy, a stranger, wearing a blue rosette, came round and talked me into being a Conservative. He explained that I always had been, really, underneath. His name was Keith Raffan, he was chairman of "Pressure for Eco-

Yesterday, Mr David Martin, nomic and Social Toryism".

a young Conservative MP for He has since become MP for Delyn.

Later that term I sneaked out and voted Conservative. After that I found myself looking for more opportu-nities to do so. I found it hard to raise interest in any other party. I voted Conservative again and again. I even voted for Mr Heath! Three times!

I have often wondered whether, had I been sheltered from Mr Raffan and allowed to develop politically at my own pace, my life would have gone the way it subsequently has. I will never know.

And, while confessing is norance, may I mention some problems with economics? Before PM's Questions yesterday, came Treasury Questions. The Chancellor's answer to Ian Stewart (C. Herts N) was deeply perplexing. Including the cost of mortgage repayments in the Retail Price Index (as we do), said Mr Major, made the RPI "an inaccurate measure".

Of what? And why? Mr Major's argument seems to be that interest-rate hikes are part of the medicine so. though they temporarily exacerbate the disease, should not be included among its symptoms. As this newspaper's leader columns pointed out on the same day, higher mortage costs "leave less money available to consumers" and therefore "cannot be amiss in the fight against inflation".

So do higher Heinz beans costs. Could it be that all price-increases are helpful in the fight against inflation? Perhaps the economists could enlighten us?

Or could it be that Mr Major relies on the other argument advanced in that Leader - that this "statistical" increase will be reversed as rates come down?

But so will myriad other price-increases caused by the higher interest-rates industry pays, so perhaps they should be excluded too? The right conclusion to this argument seems to be that all price increases should be excluded from the RPI. But - on yesterday's evidence - the Chancellor was not thinking along such bold lines.

Matthew Parris

Mandela rebukes UK

Continued from page 1

which sanctions are being races. applied . . . still exist."

ANC's commitment to continue the armed struggle until the state of emergency was lifted and all political prisoners freed. He emphasized South Africa said yesterday that the ANC's policy of nationalization of key sectors of Mandela with one of its cars.

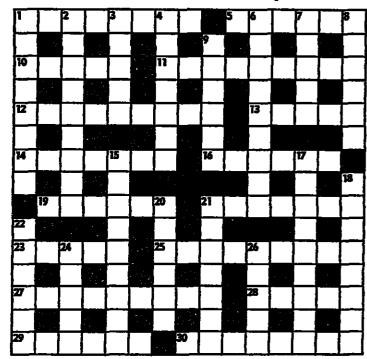
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• Gift car: Mercedes Benz of South Africa said yesterday that it is to present Mr

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ACROSS

5 Ban bird of passage (6).

10 Drop a note (5).

11 Buys layer, perhaps, from here?

best (5).

29 Medicine not available for this 12 Drowsy, left the cigar to go out

(9).

13 Acclaim last of The Times collection sent back (5). 14 Leeward, sailors say, tempted them so (7).

16 Jostles and bends (6). 19 Reserve to take part (6). 21 Chap setting on red, lost after a break (7).

23 Stage has to summon the muse 25 Where opera is produced in two

Concise crossword, page 18

The solution to the Eliminator Puzzle No 18,218 will appear next Thursday

ACROSS

1 Hundred – too old for insurance

27 This junction is forked, usually 28 French summer about '51 the

lumpy condition (6). 30 Rev up? (3-5).

1 Desert driver who has brawl in saloon (8). 2 Card game of the majority in France (5-2-2). 3 Dance of spirit, to some degree

Pan, or attack, the deity (4-3). Home of some natives could be-come cultured (6-3). 7 Frank is so dull (5). 8 Insect knowing to follow light (3-3).

 Home of monster in church-bell in Paris (6). 15 Blue-flowered shrub needs sun to each process (9). 17 Means to give power to jolly Decsider? ... (5-4).
18 ...increasing the power of Islam

20 Not the genuine article from bankers at Zurich (6). 21 A piece of Turkish delight? (7). 22 Wounded sailor in the hold (6). 24 Prize for notice that contains

hostility (5). 26 Wife needs assistance to give WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard ACCIPITRINE

a. Pertaining to hawks b. The receiver's court at real tennis **JAGGERY**

b. A Malayan cutless c. A Scottish outdoor pulpit SPELK

a. A splinter
b. Ambergris
c. A kilt-cover

BEZZLE

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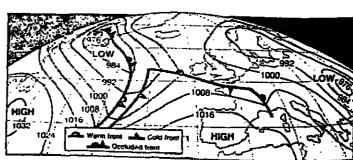
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154.95 (-0.3) Market report, page 26

Barclays to

peg rate
Barclays Bank is to hold its mortgage rate until May 1, despite the 0.9 point rise to a record 15.4 per cent by Abbey National on Wednesday. The building societies were waiting for the Halifax, the biggest, to increase its rate first. The bank said it was pegging its standard mortgage rate at 14,75 per cent unless bank base rates rose in the next two and a half

More rises due, page 23 Amstrad drops

Amstrad, Mr Alan Sugar's computer and electronics company, surprised the City with pre-tax profits higher than expected, although at £30.1 million for the six months to end-December they were down from £75.3 million. The interim dividend is held at 0.4p. Turnover grew from £348.8 million to £373.7 million. Margins were eroded by the need to move stock at zero margins or even at a loss reflecting piles of unsold Tempus, page 22

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Cash crisis imminent at Channel Tunnel By John Bell, City Editor

The £7.2 billion Channel Tunnel project is just days away from running out of cash after a refusal by Transmanche Link, the construction consortium, to accept proposed management changes at Eurotunnel. TML has not yet signed the agreement concuded last month in outline which the 208 banks require before they will release further cash.

"As a result of TML's refusal to complete the neccessary agreements drawdown (of further funds) is not possible," said Eurotunnel yesterday. At the beginning of January. Eurotunnel had about £50 uty chairman and chief executive, million of cash resources available. It has since made a £40 million payment to TML and the remain-

der will last less than two weeks. TML, which is forbidden to make statements to the press under the terms of its contract, is understood to want Mr Alastair Morton, the British co-chairman, removed from day to day involvement with the construction project. He was named deputy chairman and chief executive in a top management reshuffle announced yesterday.

Eurotunnel said that as part of its

management changes under which

M Andre Benard, the other cochairman, will become sele chairman. Other changes include naming five new managing direc-tors. One is Mr Alastair Fleming. head of projects for British Petroleum Exploration Europe, who fills

the new post of director of construction for Eurotunnel. TML is said to be furious that Mr Morton has taken over as chief executive of the group. Sources close to the consortium say that the act was provocative and not designed to promote harmony between the two companies. New bank financing areed in January

was supposed to tide Eurotunnel over until May But it hinged on signature of the agreement between Eurotunnel and TML. Eurotunnel maintains in its statement that the project is still "robust" and adds that it hopes the current differences will be resolved and the project completed on schedule by mid-

June 1993. Eurotunnel's bankers had stipulated that they would not free a portion of a £5 billion credit line frozen in October unless differences over project costs and an agreement on cost overruns was reached with TML "TML hasn't yet signed certain documents and

has informed the agent banks and Eurotunnel that it isn't yet willing to do so," Eurotunnel said. It added that Transmanche Link said this week that it is dissatisfied with management changes Eurotunnel plans as part of its agreement with

Sources close to TML believe that the impasse can only be resolved if Eurotunnel gives assurances that the newly-formed project management team under Dr Tony Ridley is given sufficient authority to negotiate in a binding way with the contractors.

Eurotunnel's shares fell 21p to 563p on the London Stock Ex-

news raises fears that bankers will pull away from the project rather than open up further funding. When the banks moved last year to freeze Eurotunnel's initial credit line because of escalating project cost estimates, less than £900 million had been drawn down. Eurotunnel confirmed reports that TML relaunched efforts in a French court to force Eurotunnel to pay £40 million of arrears. Its court action was suspended before the January 10 cost-control agreement reached after the French court urged the parties to negotiate a

co-chairman Morton becomes dep-Bank steps in after Drexel put in default

By Colin Narbrough

bert Ltd, part of the US junk bonds house which filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection earlier this week, was declared in default yesterday on the London futures exchanges, where it has been a

leading player. The London Clearing House, which guarantees contracts for the futures and options markets, declared Drexei Burnham Lambert Ltd in default and was winding down its positions on futures markets and the London Metal Exchange.

Drexel's British operations were its largest outside the US and it has been a big player on London's futures and options exchanges, and to a lesser extent, the foreign exchange and in bullion. City institutions, including

the Bank of England, stepped

in to sort out the fall-out in the London financial markets. No figure was put on Drexel 377-strong City staff points to big-volume business. The risk to members of the British exchanges on which Drexel has operated is believed to be negligible. The position of its

clients is less clear. The Bank of England said it would provide payments assistance to the counterparties to Drexel Burnham Lambert Trading Ltd, in order to ease the settlement of outstanding

Drexel Burnham Lam- Drexel's bullion business is the LCH was acting to close unaffected.

The counterparties may make payments due under contracts with Drexel Burnham, up to and including yesterday, to the Bank. These will only be released to Drexel when the bank receives satisfactory evidence the countervalue has been received.

If the Bank is not satisfied, the funds will be returned to the payer. The Bank's move was intended to reinforce confidence by ensuring that funds are safe. The Association of Futures

Brokers and Dealers meanwhile intervened to prevent Drexel Burnham Lambert Ltd from entering into investment deals, unless authorized by the AFBD's chief executive. The company is also barred

from transferring clients' assets to any person without consent, or disposing of or dealing with its own assets without consent. fund is not believed to be

transactions in Britain, but its under threat, and potential losses to Drexel's futures and options clients are not ex- ties Association have decided pected to amount to more than a few million pounds. A Drexel spokeswoman said the company's bullion The self-regulatory organiza and foreign exchange activ-

declaration.

out open positions held by Drexel. "Our primary obligation is to wind down the posit-ions held by Drexel Burnham Lambert Ltd. In conjunction with Drexel's customers we will attempt to arrange the transfer of their positions to another clearing house member. Where positions are not transferred our duty will be to liquidate the position in the

most appropriate manner." He underlined that LCH was "totally satisfied" that the default of Drexel Burnham Lambert Ltd would not adversely affect the LCH's financial position and that the guarantor body had facilitated the "orderly winding down" of Drexel's portfolio position. The London International

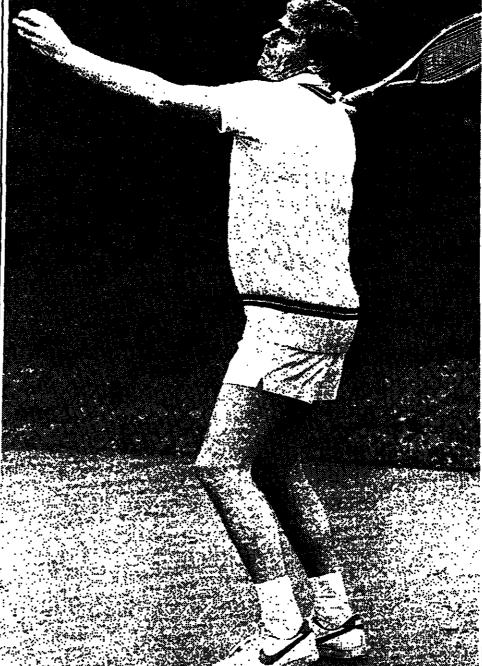
Financial Futures Exchange said Drexel's remaining positions on the Liffe market were "negligible" and were expected to be dealt with by way of transfer to other members The £150 million guarantee or liquidated by market trasactions "without any dis-

ruption to the market." • The AFBD and The Securito consider closer collaboratand administrative efficiency tions underlined that this did

ities, grouped under Drexel
Burnham Lambert Trading,
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Mr Christopher Sharples,
AFBD chairman, said there was a pressing need for some Mr David Hardy, the LCH rationalization of the regulatmanaging director, said in the ory structure to increase effecforeign exchange contracts. interests of an orderly market, tiveness and contain costs.

Crest serves double property profit | Success on



Doubled profits from commercial property lped lift pre-tax profits by £1 million at Crest Nicholson - the house building to En-tout-cas tennis court group, to £37.1 million in the year to October. But a warning about this year's profits from Mr Roger Lewis, chief executive, practising at his Cobham, Surrey, home

yesterday, knocked 30p off the shares to 160p. This week's mortgage rate rise has heightened uncertainty about the housebuilding division, which contributed £17.3 million last year. Despite this, the dividend stays at 4.65p, making 7.65p a share (7.15p).

jobless will be short-lived'

By Our Economics Correspondent

The latest labour market figures provided some en-couragement for the Government on employment and earnings, but many City economists fear it can only be short-lived as the economic slowdown continues and pay pressures persist.

Continuing to defy expectations of an end to the three-and-a-half year decline in joblessness, seasonally-adjus-ted unemployment fell by a further 23,200 to 1,611,400 last month, or 5.7 per cent of the workforce - the lowest since October 1980.

The unadjusted total rose by 48,068 to 1,687,000 - the biggest January rise for three years. But the underlying adjusted trend points to a monthly fall in unemployment of 20,000 to 25,000.

This continued tightening of labour market, despite the slowdown, suggests companies are hoarding labour in an attempt to beat the skills shortage and demographic changes.

Analysts were particularly encouraged by the drop in overtime and bonuses in December that helped contain the effect of higher pay deals.

Underlying average earnings for the whole economy rose a seasonally adjusted 9.25 per cent in the year to Dec ber, steady on the annual rate of the previous two months.

Some forecasters had been expecting recent high pay settlements to start boosting the average earnings series.

Manufacturing industry's unit wage costs in the three months to December showed the annual rise slowing to 4.5 per cent from 5.2 per cent in the three months to November. Output per head rose to Tempes, page 22 | 3.7 per cent from 3.3 per cent.

BP chief sees \$25 | Lady Joseph quits oil by mid-1990s

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Sir Peter Walters, outgoing More property sales are also chairman of British Petro-envisaged. leum, said yesterday that he would not be surprised to see an oil price of around \$25 a barrel by the mid-1990s."

crude oil rose by \$3.32 a barrel, to \$18.24. Sir Peter said he saw an

upward trend in the long-term

The higher price left BP with a £383 million windfall profit on its oil stocks, which helped lift group profits for the year by 44 per cent from £1.21 billion to £1.74 billion.

a £390 million extraordinary profit on the sale of the bulk of its mineral and coal interests. A further £1.5 billion will be realized from disposals this year, as the rest of coal and mineral interests are divested.

During 1989, North Sea

a "very gratifying year" with earnings up from 20p a share to 31.8p. A final dividend of 3.95p lifts the year's total payment to 14.9p (13.5p). Sir Peter forecast that production over the next five years would run at about 1.5

Sir Peter said 1989 had been

nillion barrels a day. Gas would continue to increase as a proportion of the total to account for about 25 per cent. Gearing at year-end was 42 per cent, against 37 per cent last year, and should fall to In addition, the group took around 38 per cent this year. Commenting on the Mo-

nopolies Commission report into petrol pricing, Sir Peter said the industry had been given "a totally clean bill of health."

Norfolk board

Lady (Eileen) Joseph has re- Good owns a 1 per cent stake signed as a director of Norfolk
Capital, the hotel group. Lady
Joseph, widow of Sir Maxwell
the Norfolk boar

Joseph, the group's founder, owns 7 per cent of the company's shares. She and Mr Anthony Good, her fellow dissident director, stepped down from a board

that has been split by internal disagreement As a result of their resignations both Lady Joseph and Mr Good are likely to accept the £175 million bid from Queens Moat Houses, the rival hotel group which owns

4.5 per cent of Norfolk. However, neither director is thought to be impressed by the terms of the all-paper offer from Queens Moat, and both are likely to postpone a final decision until the bid's closing Tempus, page 16. date in ten days' time. Mr dinary general meeting.

The resignations will allow the Norfolk board — for the first time in months - to present a united front when it posts its defence document to shareholders today. Attention is likely to centre on an asset valuation prepared by Jones Lang Wootton, the property

Mr Anthony Richmond Watson, the Norfolk chairman, was delighted by the resolution of the boardroom split. He said: "It is very good news from the company's point of view because the conflict is now resolved."

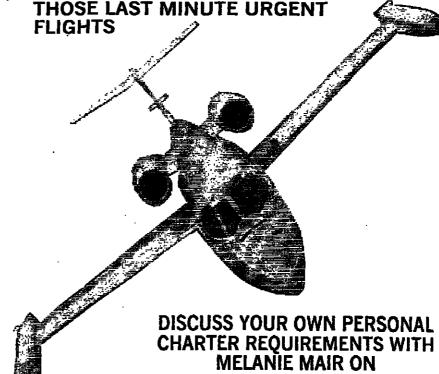
He believes the boardroom position of Lady Joseph and Mr Good, both non-executive directors, has been untenable since last month's extraor-

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Minority shareholders in Peabody paid total of \$504m Hanson digs deep into coal mining

By Colin Campbell

Hanson has moved into coal mining by buying out three minority shareholders in Peabody Holding - the largest coal

producer in the United States. Hanson will pay each of the three shareholders \$168 million, making an overall cash outlay of \$504 million. Hanson, which made the initial approaches to Boeing, Bechtel Investments and Eastern Enterprises for their individ-

ual 15.01 per cent stakes, now directly owns 45.03 per cent of Peabody. It is only outmatched by the long-held 54.97 stake in Peabody owned by Newmont Mining Corporation.

However, through a twist of corporate fate, Hanson jumps into corporate bed with Newmont Mining Corporation as Hanson inherited a 49 per cent stake in Newmont when it took over Consolidated Gold Fields in August, 1989. Because of the ownership structure, Hanson effectively owns nearly 72 per cent of Peabody, which Sir Gordon White -- chairman of Hanson's US arm said was an attractive investment.

In the year ended December, Peabody recorded pre-tax profits of \$136.5 million on sales of \$1.74 billion. Net assets were \$621.9 million. Peabody produced 87 million tons of coal in 1989, equivalent to 9 per cent of all the coal mined in the US, and operates in all the main American coal fields. It has reserves estimated at 8.7 billion tons.

"Over half the electricity produced in the US comes from coal, and it is far more abundant than petroleum," Sir Gordon said.

In London Mr Martin Taylor, Han-son's vice chairman, said Hanson was already in clay for bricks through London Brick, in aggregates for road building through ARC, in gold mining via the US gold interests of ConsGold,

and now had moved into coal. "We feel very comfortable in basic industries, Mr Taylor added.

The investment implications for Hanson's long-term goals towards Newmont intrigued analysts last night. It has long been a Hanson habit once having taken over a group to sell off

inherited parts. The sum of the parts sold invariably has overtaken the initial outlay for the whole. Certain US assets of ConsGold have already been sold, as have the South African interests which came with the

ConsGold takeover. Market speculation has persisted that the Australian arm in Renison Goldfields Corporation and the US arm in Newmont Mining would be next on Hanson's selling list.

Hanson's closer relationship with Newmont through Peabody sends analysts back to their drawing boards.

Oil price question over BP shares

ever since the oil price began to catch fire, and they could get a further kick from the prediction of the outgoing chairman, Sir Peter Walters, that it may reach \$25 by the

But at 343p, against 250p less than six months ago, have they come too far?

Strip out the £383 million book profit on its oil stocks arising from the price rise, and the 44 per cent surge in net income is shaved to 9 per cent. If demand continues as buoyant as the company believes, performance of the oil price, stock holding gains will be- and given the industry's come a regular feature of the marked historic lack of sucprofit and loss account over cess in predicting its course for the next five years, although not necessarily of the size seen into the future, a little healthy

Downstream, where a rise in the crude price is met with in order. rather less enthusiasm, refining margins are already looking a touch slimmer.

In chemicals, where return on capital hit a frothy 30 per cent in the opening six shares are looking 10 per cent months, a 20 per cent rise in the naptha price has eaten into

margins. The disposal programme, which contributed £390 million of extraordinaries from below the 1989 line - out of the £2.7 billion sale of the sometimes truculent chair-minerals and coals interests — man, Mr Alan Sugar, recently continues, and will throw up a further £1.5 billion in 1990. Indeed, £1 billion is already in

BP, which reckons that

clips a point off its gearing, to be about 38 per cent next December, against the current 42 per cent.

A lower-than-expected tax bill this time, at about 20 per cent, has enhanced earnings per share at 31.8p, indicating an historic p/e multiple of 10.9. But it rises to 12.6 if Mr Ian Graham, at County Nat-West WoodMac, is right in forecasting £1.47 billion net income for the current year. Much will depend on the

any reasonable period of time scepticism over some of the projections would seem to be

If the \$25 barrel of oil does arrive before 1995, it is more likely to be cost-driven than demand-driven.

Amstrad

Amstrad's interim figures represent something of a Houdini act on the part of its heard threatening to take the company private, so great was his dissatisfaction with the

Such threats are now behind

should these transactions be

satisfactorily completed.

Meanwhile, the company is



Ahead of expectations: Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad

him, the shares having ad- admittedly the seasonal lowvanced some 20p from their point for debt, Amstrad low point, up another 21/2p to 571/2p yesterday after half-way profits to end-December came in well ahead of expectations at £30.1 million pre-tax against £75.3 million last

Most startling has been the progress on the balance sheet. Borrowings stood at £114 million at the financial yearend. By the end of this month,

million, or more than half that year's turnover, but should be down by a third in March. The technical problems that led to the recall of two ranges of business computers last summer are over, and as of this week there is a new

management structure, in-cluding a much-needed linkman to smooth ruffled feathers in the City. Amstrad is never again

going to be the high-flier it once was. But pre-tax profits of approaching £40 million this year could be followed by £65 million in 1990-91, and some analysts believe the company capable of £90 million in due course.

A prospective earnings multiple of more than 12 times this year will therefore shrink to less than 8 next, Not cheap, but undemanding if Mr Sugar is at last back on course.

Crest Nicholson

If the aim of Crest Nicholson is to emerge from the current should be cash-neutral, aided period of stagnation in better shape than it went in, yes-terday's results look distinctly by a good Christmas selling season — Mr Sugar claims an uncharacteristic excess of caution last summer meant not

No more so than at balancesheet level. Gearing of just 11 per cent at the October yearover the huge pile of unsold end (perhaps 20 per cent now) stocks, even if it has meant is the stuff of boardroom selling them at distress prices dreams. But there is no escapwhich eroded average mar- ing the harsh treatment that

gins. Inventory levels in the property market September peaked at £335 rently meting out.

Construction companies have grown fat on commercial development schemes in recent years. Building an office block or parade of shops then selling it to institutions has been profits for old rope.

The problem for everyone, including Crest, is that the institutions have stopped buying property and show no signs of returning. Some £15.3 million of

Crest's £37 million of pre-tax profits last year came from commercial developments, double the year before. Analysts are looking for a £10 million contribution this year, but it could be even less. As for house-building profits, which contributed £17.3

million last year, it is a case of pick your number. Like most developers Crest was experiencing improved demand in the first weeks of this year. This week's rise in mortgage rates might - it is too early to say - have stopped that in its Analysts are following the

cautious lead of the Crest management and have pencilled in total profits of £20 million or so for the current year. With about 16p of earnings, that puts the shares

- after yesterday's sharp fall - on a p/e of 10. Despite the company's successful diversification and management flair, in the short term that still

Racal in Government communications plan

The Government has asked Racal Electronics to submit detailed plans for a private telecommunications network which could bring savings of up to £190 million a year. Racal already operates a private data network which is being used by 15 Communications.

by 15 Government departments.

The system would combine voice and data comfor up to 400,000 users within Government departments. It could bring Racal revenue of more than £1 billion over the next 10 years and, analysis estimate, a pre-interest profit of first 10 years and, analysis estimate, a pre-miletest prout of \$100 million a year at the end of the 10 year period. The existing private telephone system which links 700 official buildings would become a part of the new system. Racal Electronics shares rose 7p to 231p on the news.

Lonrho signs Green shrugs Ugandan deal off charges

Logrho East Africa, the Lourbe unit in Kenya, has signed a joint venture agree-ment with Uganda's Kata-tumba Properties to develop Uganda's tourist industry. The Ugandan firm, which owas three hotels, a tour company and an air charter business, hopes to work with Lourho at improving Ugan-dan tourist facilities, and launching package tours.

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Despite a fourfold increase in its interest charge, Green Properties, the Irish development and investment company, managed a 50 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£2.12 million in the year to end-December. The figure, however, included an Ir£1.15 million trading profit. An ir£5.76 million extraordinary item transfers

Trace logs 10.2% rise

Pre-tax profits at Trace Computers, the computer software designer specializing in property management software, which came to the market last June, climbed by 10.2 per cent to £934,000 in the six months to end-November. Turnover was up 25.7 per cent to £5.79 millio

Net interest payments came to £39,000, compared with last time's £40,000 positive balance. Earnings per share slip from 4.97p to 4.78p. There is an interim dividend of 0.55p. Mr Robert Carefull, the chairman, said all the divisions of Trace (Computer Holdings), the group's principal subsidiary, have continued to trade at a satisfactory level.

Whitegate Leisure, Mr Nick Oppenheim's Third Market discothèque and bowling group, where the Australian Fairfax family has a 5.3 per cent interest, has exchanged contracts to purchase two more discothèques for a total of £1.13 million in cash. The company is buying the Mou-lin Rouge Discothèque and the Moutmatre Night Club in Chesterfield. The shares were unchanged at 37p.

Whitegate to Wheway sells buy two clubs chain-maker

Wheway, the environmental control and engineering products group, has sold Wheway Becker, the 50 per cent-owned Walsall com-pany, which makes chains for the mining industry, to FKI, the electrical products group, for £600,000. Whe-way's share of Wheway Becker's pre-tax profit in the year to end-September was nil, on a total turnover of £7.1

Photo-Me at £8.83m

Photo-Me International, the world's biggest photographic booth manufacturer and operator, has boosted its interim from 6.6p to 1.2p. The company, which is planning a move into East Germany and possibly expanding into the Soviet Union, China and India, reports a 9 per cent rise in profit before tax and depreciation of £12.8 million.

Turnover was up just 4 per cent to £52.1 million in the six mouths to end-October, and after £4 million of depreciation charges, interim pre-tax profits stood at £8.83 million (£8.72 million). Earnings per share were up from 8.19p to 8.57p.

JMD shares drop as bid talks fail

By Philip Pangalos

JMD Group, the USM greet-other party. These bave not ing cards to fluffy toys group, been completed." ing cards to fluffy toys group, said that the talks which had Mr Moss added that the been taking place since it received a bid last October, board of JMD may consider re-examining the proposals are off. Speculation was that

Mr Keith Moss, the chief looking at a number of other executive of JMD, said the possible transactions with a group has decided bid talks should be formally terminated the group's operations. in view of the considerable time that has elapsed since the had jumped by 8p to 32p after initial announcement on

the talks were with Southwest

October 20.

He added: "Progress was dependent on the completion shares lost 2p to 9p, capitalizof certain transactions by the ing JMD at nearer £4 million.

buys stake in Marians

Shares in the highly geared West End property company Priest Marians, soared 90p to 265p on news that Grovewood Securities had bought a 15 per

cent stake in the company. Grovewood, is the stock market vehicle of Mr David Holland, the man behind the meteoric growth of another West End property company, Randsworth Trust.

view to broadening the base of Mr Holland resigned as chairman of Randsworth last Last October, JMD shares year, shortly before the company was taken over by the American company, JMB Realty at a cost of £258 the announcement was made, million. Only three years earlier it had been a plant hire company worth £400,000.

Grovewood Shares in Colonnade halted over false market concerns

elopment Capital, the invest-ment trust run by British & ture capital fees for the Commonwealth, were suspended at 165p yesterday because of concerns that a false market had been created when Stratagem bought a 25 per cent blocking stake.

Stratagem, though quoted, is very small and concerns are centred on whether it had obtained approval of its shareholders for the deal, as required by the Stock Exchange.

enough business computers

were made to meet demand.

Progress has been made

Stratagem launched an £8.2 million bid for Colonnade with the support of certain local authority and institu-

Shares in Colonnade Dev- tional shareholders who were Nevertheless, Stratagem has management of a portfolio which is largely held in cash.

> Colonnade countered with the promise of a capital reconstruction and eventual liquidation of its portfolio at its book value of 204p, 25 per cent better than Stratagem's

Stratagem's stake in Colonnade is large enough to prevent the capital reconstruction and liquidation from going through, but the shareholders' meeting to approve its purchase is not until Tuesday. feet."

irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the appropriate resolution for 51.1 per cent of the equity, so approval is a formality.

Mr Bernard Ketrison, Stra-tagem chairman, said: "We are upset at the amount of time and money being spent at shareholders' expense - in making filibustering complaints. There is nothing in this suspension which will change the outcome of the bid. The other side must be deeply rattled that Colonnade shareholders are voting with their

Gestetner seeks £65m for buy

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Gestetner Holdings, the pho- ectively offering shareholders £42.5 million, will be met by Netherlands distributor. has confirmed every two shares held. that it is to seek £65 million from its shareholders to help finance a \$152.2 million (£90.6 million) acquisition.

It is planning to buy the non-US operations of Nashua Corporation, its rival New Hampshire office equipment systems supplier, in an agreed

Gestetner will also take on \$35.3 million (£21.0 million)

The group, which has been revitalized by the Australian management which took con-trol three years ago, is eff-

However, because regulatory approval may take longer in some of the countries where Nashua operates, shareholders will initially receive convertible loan stock, which they will swap for equity when the deal is completed, prob-

ably in July. Because the funds will not be required immediately, the stock will be partly paid.

Only £21 million will be called now, and the balance of £44.2 million will be called once the deal is completed.

master company of the new Gestetner management,

which will pay up the remain-der of its holding of nil-paid convertible stock. The Nashua interest being acquired, which, like Gestet-ner, distributes Ricoh and other equipment, earned prof-

its of \$27.3 million before interest and tax in 1988. But it expects to report "not less than \$13.1 million for

1989, on sales of \$400 million."

Trading was more difficult, says Gesteiner, and there were

tocopier to fax machine one new share at 180p for AFP Group, the Australian mangement has been changed and strengthened. Gestetner expects "a ma-

terial improvement in profitability in 1990." Gestetner shares dipped 5p

to 208p yesterday. This comes after a relentless slide from about 270p last

Mr Greg Melgaard, the Gestetner chief executive, denied that the group had had difficulty in obtaining City support for the rights issue.

"We had a fantastic response," he said. The issue is being under-The balance of the price, particular problems in the written by Schroders.

SE daily turnover totals £1.36bn

eraged £1.36 billion a day in many and France the markets unit" of 10 water shares institutional differences, such the last quarter of 1989 which did not stay open. This de- amounted to £1.16 billion, spanned the mini-crash on October 16 and water privatization in December.

In its Quarterly Report, the Exchange's Quality of Markets Committee noted that, while this was 16 per cent below the average in the previous quarter, it was unchanged year-on-year and the committee was pleased with the way London coped.

Mr Stephen Raven, the committee's deputy chair-man, said: "The point was that we did open all day on

Stock Exchange turnover av- October 16, whereas in Ger- 12, turnover in the "package committee points out that monstrates the importance of the continuous quote-driven system over the Continental order driven system. The joy shares came to £3.3 billion. of our market is the ability to deal continuously."

On October 16 £2.7 billion worth of shares were traded, although the average yellow strip touch for alpha stocks widened from 0.97 per cent to 1.39 per cent on that day and the largest quote size fell from 81,000 to 52,000.

When trading in water

half the total for the entire market that day. In December as a whole, turnover in water

The report also contains conclusions about the impact of index arbitrage inLondon. Buving or selling a basket of stocks to exploit anomalies between the price of index futures and the value of the underlying stocks has been criticized in the United States because of volatility at "triple witching hour" when positshares opened on December ions are closed. However, the they do in the US.

as the tax position of UK pension funds, have stunted the growth of index arbitrage

Here it accounts for no more than 1 per cent of Stock Exchange turnover, against between 1.7 and 5.2 per cent in New York. Index arbitrage improved price efficiency, liquidity and order flow and should be encouraged by changing their liability to tax and stamp duty which stops UK pension funds playing as big a role in index arbitrage as

Drive to open up Eastern Europe considered

Rank Xerox copies record with £418m

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Rank Xerox, the business machines manufacturing partnership between the Rank Organisation and Xerox Corp-oration of the US, brought in full-year pre-tax profits of £418.2 million, just £3 million more than the 1988 record.

But compared with this increase of less than 1 per cent, an underlying profits growth trend of 18 per cent was claimed after eliminating exceptional items and currency cffects.

Exceptionally, there were costs of restructuring its systems business, and a larger-than-usual payment for research and development went to Xerox Corporation, which apparently needed more reported profits for tax reasons. Annual savings of £100 million, to be

fully felt next year, were also promised by Rank Xerox arising from a new distribution system. This is being cen-tralized in Holland to serve the emerging single European market on a just-in-time



Rank Xerox is increasingly developing software, with the need to spend on research and development, while hardware is being left more to Xerox.One effect will be the running down of some British hardware capacity, which will to an extent be replaced by work on

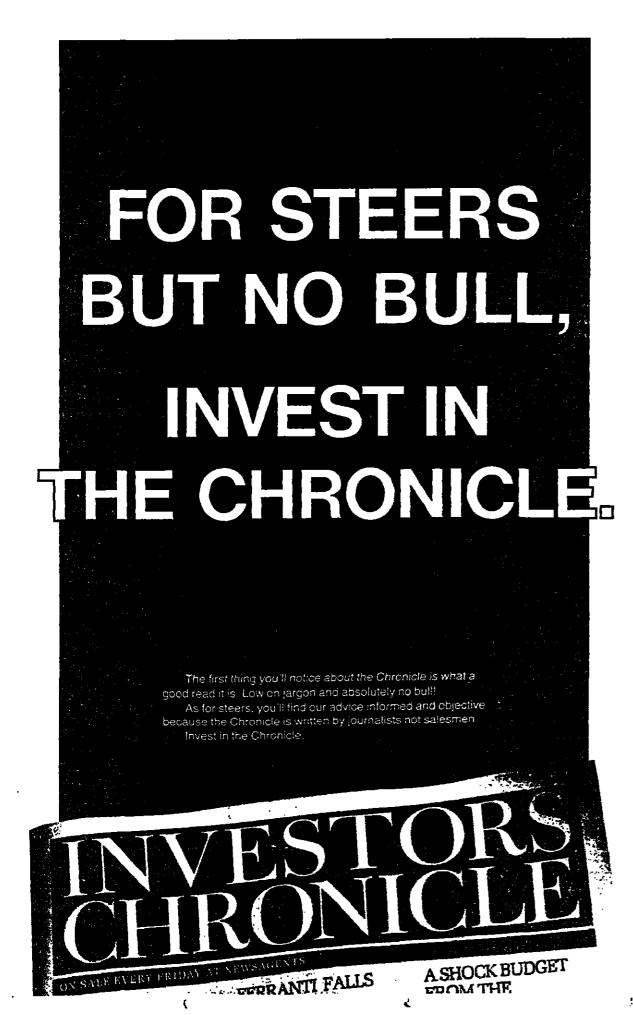
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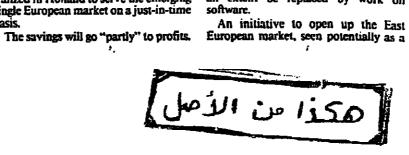
Rank Xerox is a market leader in the Eastern bloc and equipment and personnel, to inject expertise, is likely to be shipped out at a cost which might rise to as much as £8 million.

Rank Xerox sales at £2.5 billion in the year to end-October were up 10 per cent. M Bernard Fournier, managing director of Rank Xerox, said: "This represents further solid progress and is due in significant part to increased equipment sales, particularly in the high volume reprographics and centralized printing business areas."

Rank Organisation, which has a 49 per cent stake in Rank Xerox, received £160 million from the partnership profits, up

Earnings at Fuji Xerox, a partnership between Rank Xerox and Fuji Film. were up about 6 per cent, while the operation in West Germany returned its first profit in five years with DM46 million (£16 million).





faces a humiliating climb-down.

project, and if the ink is not dry inside

two weeks, Eurotunnel will run out of

cash. The terms of the master agreements

between the two parties are not crystal

clear. But if there is an unscheduled halt

to construction work, the lawyers for

Eurotunnel's shareholders and the

banks, who have between them sunk

almost £2 billion so far, can only begin

proceedings to recover their outlay. This

It is clear TML has mounted a

campaign to remove Mr Alastair Mor-

ton, the British co-chairman, to a

position where has has little or no

involvement with the building of the

link. A force play on this scale is probably

without precedent. Unfortunately for the

builders, Mr Morton has won the backing of the joint board of Eurotunnel

which has swung its weight behind him. If it was part of the TML plan to isolate

him from the rest of his colleagues, the

board could back down from the man-

agement structure announced yesterday

and still retain credibility with the

bankers and the company's shareholders.

If there is a compromise to be reached,

then it lies in the nature of the role to be

It is inconceivable the Eurotunnel

strategy has failed.

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Sky loss and interest bill Pre-tax profits of The News Corporation, the worldwide media group headed by Mr Rupert Murdoch, fell by 44.6 per cent from Aus\$330.6 million to Aus\$183.3 million in the six months ending Decem-

The slide resulted from a higher net interest charge inclusion of Aus\$103 million (£50.5 million) of losses at Sky Television and the effects of the Ansett airline pilots' dispute in Australia.

NewsCorp says half-time revenues rose by 14.5 per cent to Aus\$4.12 million with that from the United States exceeding Aus\$2.23 billion, and that despite slightly reduced volumes, profits in core businesses rose as a result of operating efficiencies and improved margins.

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

More mortgage rate rises look likely

early next week, with most building societies waiting for the Halifax Building

Society, the largest lender, to make its

Societies need to have their new savers'

rates in place when the Abbey National

increases the return on its accounts by

0.75 per cent from March 1. Mr Andrew

Longhurst, managing director of the Cheltenham & Gloucester, said it would be putting up its mortgage and savers' rates from March 1, but had to decide by

The society, which yesterday reported breaking above the £100 million pre-tax profits level for the first time, said getting the savers' rate right was most important.

The mortgage rise is retail rate-driven.

This is the most competitive area at the moment," said Mr Longhurst.

Profits rose 26.4 per cent to £107.8

million while assets grew 28.3 per cent to

The society's management expense

ratio increase by 1p per £100 of assets to

73p, compared with an industry average

It was this cost-efficiency which

allowed the society to offer the best build-

ing society savings rate on its postal

instant access account - currently 11.5 per cent on sums above £2,500 - while of-

fering a 1 per cent discount to new borrowers, said Mr Longhurst.

Its retail savings had been boosted by the London Share account launched last April with most of the society's new

The proposed merger with the Guard-

ian Building Society, announced last November, will strengthen its postal in-vestment operations. It should take place

in mid-April, subject to confirmation by the Building Societies Commission.

money invested in the account.

£7.27 billion. Profits after tax were up

28.4 per cent at £70.5 million.

by 14p to 484p.

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Group net interest which was charged against operating (£378.4 million). profit, jumped from Aus\$325.5 million to Aus\$440.8 million, and asso-million to £100.67 million in ciated companies - which previously made a profit contribution of Aus\$60.4 million - showed a half-time Aus\$25.7 million loss.

At the net level, and before abnormal items, NewsCorp reports profits on an equity-accounted basis of Aus\$136.3 million compared with Aus\$260.3 million

line shows profits of Aus\$152 million against Aus\$439.2 million previously.

Results of News International, the group's British subsidiary - owner of The Times, The Sunday Times, NewsCorp's interim divi-dend is maintained at 5 and Today - show a pre-tax Australian cents per share, loss of £65.4 million com-

on a turnover of £380 million subscription service for Sky

The downturn was largely caused by a jump from £39.3 net interest paid and £50.5 million of losses associated with Sky Television.

Profits from newspapers and magazines exceeded those earned in the corresponding period last year, while losses at Sky Television - made up of an initial four months' trading losses and amortization of start-up costs - "are in line After taking into account with our long term business abnormal items, the bottom plan," the board says.

With the exception of Sky Television, operating profits since December continue to exceed those of last year, News International says. Sky Television is now seen

more than 1.2 million homes and the installation of receiving equipment and dishes is "on schedule and

C&G tops £100m for first time

and the shares rose in London pared with a previous interim accelerating." News Inter-by 14p to 484p. pre-tax profit of £41.7 million national adds that the began on February 5 with 250,000 paying subscribers.

At the net attributable level News International reports a £57.9 million loss compared with a previous £44.8 million profit

Holders of News International's special dividend shares are entitled to the sterling equivalent of the dividend paid by NewsCorp and therefore receive 2.2367p a share (2.5575p a share) for the interim period, payable April

News International shares were unchanged at 279p. In a review of its world-wide interests, NewsCorp, News International's parent company, says US television sta-tions showed considerable improvement and results from Fox Broadcasting were higher. The Twentieth Century Fox Film division fell.

Jameel raises bid for Hartwell

By Martin Waller

Jameel Group, the Sandi Arabian-owned company, has launched an intended knockout blow in its attempted takeover of Hartwell, the motor distributor, with a final cash offer of £172 million or 155p a share.

But the raised bid, com-pared with the £151 million offered at the start of the year, met with an immediate rejection from Mr Peter Huggins the Hartwell chairman, who dismissed it as "totally inadequate."

The bidder is also offering 142.1p for each Hartwell convertible preference share, and there is a loan note alternative.

Jameel, through its Oakhill offshoot, was in the market bolstering its case yesterday with purchases which took its total holding to more than 29 per cent, with more than 45 per cent of the convertibles, as the Hartwell share price

jumped 10p to 156p.
"We really came to the conclusion that we've got to try and fell this in one clean fall of the axe," said Mr Rupert Carington, the Oakhill chairman. He attacked Hartwell's "extremely fast, unconsidered and panicky reaction," which appeared on the Stock Exchange screens barely an hour after the revised offer.

Jameel is claiming its new bid offers a prospective price earnings multiple of 18 times Hartwell's own 1990 profits forecast. For its part, the Oxford motor dealer claims that after stripping out the value of its properties, a revaluation of which formed one of the main planks of its defence, the offer gives a multiple of only 13.2 times its motor and oil distribution

"This is the third biggest retailer in the country - it's got a franchise portfolio you couldn't build again,"

spokesman said. About 10.3 per cent of the company is held by its own pension fund and directors have about 2.5 per cent. Jameel in particular needs to win around two big institu-tional holders, M&G and Mercantile Credit, with 17 per cent between them.

But observers believe Jameel, which spent two years building up an 18 per cent stake in Hartwell and which has made streamous efforts to enter the British car market, is likely to retain its holding Hartwell even if the new bid Mortgage rise due: Andrew Longhurst announces results at the Savoy yesterday | fails

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

COMMENT David Brewerton

Ridley's team hold key

he 10-strong consortium of con- appointees beneath him who will be in

struction companies building the charge of the construction project. Channel tunnel have mounted Eurotunnel has two other key tasks to their most open challenge to the authorperform aside from the building of the ity of their client Eurotunnel in the tunnel. Fresh financing of around £1.5 billion has to be arranged, partly from stormy history of the project. By refusing to sign the agreement reached in printhe banks, and partly from Eurotunnel's ciple last month, they have created a shareholders. Also, a new management situation where one party or another team and structure for operating the tunnel once it is up and running, have to Until TML does sign, no fresh funds be devised and implemented. will be provided by the banks backing the

Eurotunnel must persuade TML that Dr Ridley's team has the autonomy and authority to attend to the project. But in accepting this, TML will to all the world appear to have climbed down from a confrontation largely of its own making.

An independent lady

s an old Bank of England hand, A Sir Kit McMahon's views on independent central banking are certainly worth a hearing. Last night, he made clear that, like the departed Chancellor Lawson, he favours giving the Old Lady more rope, especially as European Monetary Union looms.

That does not mean independence without accountability. Sir Kit would like Threadneedle Street made accountable to Parliament rather than the Government. One wonders whether Sir Kit's ideas on independence stem from his time at the Bank. After all, it was there he probably came across a 1977 Conservative strategy paper, "The Right Approach to the Economy," which plainly called for a "more independent role" for the Bank, It cannot have been Mrs Thatcher who undertaken by Tony Ridley and the two penned it, can it?

Hard Swiss are shameless

ny hope that UBS Phillips & ings and that the interests of all parties Drew would be shamed into might be better served when the wheels following the lead of NatWest Investment Bank to make offers of compensation to those misled during the infamous Blue Arrow rights issue have evaporated. The London-based securities operation has decided against making any such payments. National Westminster Bank is obviously a softer touch by far than the hard-headed Union Bank of Switzerland, proud owner of UBS Phillips & Drew.

Natwest and UBS P&D are equally caught up with the "Blue Arrow affair," although the latter is seeking to make the distinction that it was acting merely as an agent for Blue Arrow and points out that the disgraceful episode has never been tagged the "UBS Phillips & Drew affair.

There is a valid argument that quesawait the outcome of criminal proceed-

of justice have ground to their conclusion.

But it is equally clear that UBS P&D was not motivated merely by high principle, but also by the unpalatable idea put forward by NatWest Investment Bank that the two parties should share the burden of compensation in equal proportions. UBS P&D was prepared to have talks with the institutional shareholders and with NatWest Investment Bank, but it was not prepared to go 50-50 on compensation. Just what proportion of the burden the Swiss were willing to shoulder, they will not say.

The whole point of offering compensation at this time is to try to avoid expensive litigation in the future, and that will only be avoided if the institutional shareholders feel they have had a square deal. At the moment, so far deal at all.

Sir Gordon to detail BAA complaints

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

general of the Office of Fair airports is to begin this year Trading, is to give detailed any complaints could be evidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission about the "many complaints" he has received about BAA, the airports operator.

But he has decided not to ask the MMC to carry out an immediate monopoly investigation into BAA's pricing

Such an inquiry, he said yesterday, "would have been timely" but because a regular

Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of the Office of Fair airports is to begin this year OFT on a wide range of three years. Other complaints Trading, is to give detailed any complaints could be charges which have been sub-received by Mr Borrie include considered within that review. "The wide-ranging comtwo years.

plaints I have received are best considered as part of a truly comprehensive review," said Sir Gordon.

"When this is in progress I will be giving evidence to the MMC in order to ensure that the commission takes account of the issues these complaints have raised."

In the meantime BAA has

ject to complaints in the last In particular, bus and coach

operators have attacked BAA for introducing new charges for theuse of their airports.

One bus operator faced having to pay £31,000 a year instead of £106, and hotels providing courtesy coaches to the airport a bill of £180,000 instead of £16,000.

car parking, duty free prices, and a lack of competition between retail, banking and catering outlets.

It was in the light of a a detailed policy document published yesterday in which BAA promised to improve customer service and quality that Sir Gordon said he would not now be asking the MMC to carry out a monopoly invest-

These price increases are

He won't miss the Swiss

Barry Aling, one of the City's top men when it comes to Far Eastern markets, is on the move. And it must be enough to make his former employers - Swiss Bank Corporation nervous. For when Aling, aged 39, arrived there in 1986 from Wico - then a subsidiary of Exco - he brought with him no fewer than 84 of his former colleagues during the ensuing six months. Called Operation Daybreak, it followed Exco's refusal to sell the Wico business to its management. "They came from offices all over the world and it was quite fun," recalls Aling. "But I wouldn't want to do it again."

He became a managing director of SBCI, based in London, running its Far Eastern securities business. The catalyst in his decision to leave came, he reveals, from the departure in December of Andrew Large who, as general manager, was the man responsible for its investment banking operation. "The culture then changed," says Aling. "The Swiss moved in. Not only am I against the Swiss, but I'm also against large organizations. I'm of the opinion that these large bank takeovers of City firms have not worked, by and large." On ice for three months, Aling plans in the course to launch his own firm

with a "handful of prac-

titioners who can put up

enough capital to get up and

running" and one or two

institutions as minority part-

ners. His motto? "To make

half and have a laugh."



Bernard bates at falcons

aging director of Rank Xerox - best knews for its opiers — is more excited st about sales prespects in Eastern Europe. For at the mo machinery sold by the com-pany into the Eastern bloc, where it claims to be market leader, has to be paid for through counter-trade. And Fournier recalls that among the more unusual items taken

Kitsch lovers

It is not only holidaymakers

who buy them but businessmen, eager to prove that they were thinking of their loved



to your bank vanits."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY As almost every investment analyst and fund manager in

Bernard Fournier, the 51- in exchange was a consign-year-old Frenchman who is ment of camel saddles. But Runk Xerox makes a point of not taking anything like that on board anless it has already found a buyer - the saddles went to Arab customers. That was not, however, the only reason it turned down a number of Iron Curtain falcons. "We thought it would also be bad for our image if there were any problems en route," says a Fournier gide, "And anyway they weren't trained."

> ones while away and, at times, to prove where they've been. So says Holiday Which? after doing a round-up of some of the tackiest tourist souvenirs from round the world. Some people must, of course, actually like cow bells from Switzerland, thermometers in the shape of the Eiffel Tower,

Mexican wicker donkeys, Statue of Liberty sunglasses and stuffed Loch Ness monsters. If no one did, they would not, pr-sumably, be manufactured. Yet who could want, after making the pilgrimage trail to Santiago de la Compostella in Northern Spain, to buy a memento reproducing a religious sculpture set inside a tiny TV set which lights up and plays music? Possibly the same people who hand over their lire for a plastic Venetian gondola which lights up, revolves, plays a tune and has a ballering propetting on deck.

Thrash clash

the Square Mile left their desks at 5 pm sharp last night, so as not to miss a single minute of the Society of Investment Analysts' annual dinner at the Grosvenor House, only those specialists who follow the Norwegian market were noticeably absent from the occasion. Earning itself a reputation for being inconsiderate, Norsk Hydro, the largest industrial company in Norway, chose last night to present its results to the City. And some 37 analysts apparently opted, conscientiously, for the Norsk evening, thus missing the biggest and most sociable thrash of their working year. "But we have tried hard to make up for it," says a spokesman for Norsk. Norsk was, he revealed, laying on a lavish dinner at the Waldorf Hotel instead - and only one or two of their guests had forewarned them that they would be leaving promptly to join the festivities at the Grosvenor House. "With Norsk being one of the top three salmon farmers in the United Kingdom," spokesman added, "who knows, by having a smoked salmon starter analysts may even have been contributing to Norsk's profits for next Graffito seen scrawled on a

wall in the City: "Happiness is the pursuit of something, not the catching of it." And written neatly beneath it: "Like chasing the last bus on a rainy night."

Carol Leonard

I have been lucky enough to drive most of the world's fastest sports cars, and *none* of them have the same overall balance of speed, comfort and refinement that this new 300ZX exhibits " lan Kuah, World Sports Cars

The new 300ZX will arrive in the UK this spring.

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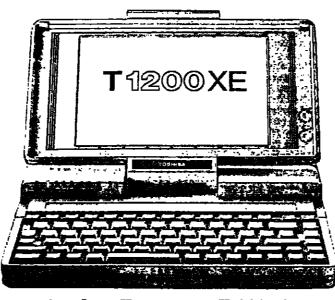
The 300ZX is the latest in a line of recent Nissan success stories.

Maxima - a high performance executive saloon and the innovative Prairie 7-seater and 4x4 Estates.

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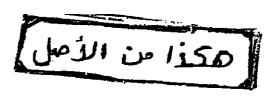
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Newman Tonks, the acquis- of borrowings would be put maintained at the same level towards acquisitions. maker keen to expand in the US and Europe, has called on

its shareholders to raise £32.3

million net by way of a rights

The move, which together with yesterday's £10 million

sale of its non-core gas con-

trols businesses, will obliterate

the Birmingham-based com-

pany's borrowings and leave it

with £6 million cash to fund

It is issuing 22.1 million

new ordinary shares at 150p

each, offering ordinary share-holders one for every four held

Shares in Newman Tonks,

He said the Newman Tonks, which spent £50 million on acquisitions last year though it is only capitalized at Jeavons Engineering Ltd, about £150 million, is currently in preliminary negotiations for one acquisition in the US and two in Europe.

October.

able gas controls businesses -

Bowden Brothers & Co and

businesses to International

Gas Apparatus Ltd, a subsid-

iary of American Meter which

is part of the Ruhrgas Group, for £8.55 million plus a further £500,000 if certain un-

At completion, Newman

Tonks will also receive £947,000 of inter-company

the group's annual meeting to

become deputy chairman. The move will allow Mr Rogers to

become the non-executive

Mr Gahan will become

non-executive director of his

own company.

Mr Gahan had spent half non-core operations and is his week as a non-executive likely to foreshadow one or director of Newman Tonks for two more disposals soon. the past three years and the other half running Jordan Gahan, his private plastic and aluminium dye-casting com-

and convertible preference shareholders one ordinary He said Newman Tonks was particularly keen on "get-ting into the German backshare at 150p for every eight convertible shares held. The cash call is fully underwritten by Barclays de Zoete Wedd. yard without them getting into

The company is also investigating opportunities in Eastern Europe.

which last came to the market Newman Tonks, which opto raise capital through a rights issue in 1985, fell 10p to erates primarily in the com-mercial property sector, said it in 1991, will step down after was confident that its perfor-Mr Geoff Gahan, who yes- mance in the current year terday took over as group would be "satisfactory" de-chief executive from Mr Doug spite the property slump, spite the property slump, given that close to half the Rogers, who has resigned because of his wife's illness, group's activity is now outside Britain. said the £6 million left over after eliminating £35 million

Dividend payouts will be



Reorganizing furniture business: Michael Julien will also announce closure of 10 Habitats

its six Heal's furniture shops as part of the reorganization of its ailing furniture business (Gillian Bowditch writes). Storehouse, where Mr Mi-

chael Julien is chief executive, is also due to announce the closure of 10 Habitat stores

Up to 90 jobs will go at Heal's and head office. The closure will cost the group about 23 million before tax, which will be treated as an exceptional item in the accoun The stores to go are in Reading, Berkshire; West Thurrock, Essex; Croydon, Surrey;

and Kingston-upon-Thames.
The two remaining stores in Guildford, Surrey, and London's Tottenbam Court Road account for about 74 per cent of Heal's total turnover.

A spokesman for the group said the closures would return the Heal's chain to profitability. They reflected the severe downtarn in the furniture market, particularly in the southeast. The shops will be closed in the next four to six weeks.

As yet, no decision has been rade on which Habitat stores are to close, although the one at West Thurrock is almost certain to go. Habitat has 56 stores in Britain, plus five units within BHS that are almost certain to go. The earmarked stores will be a high street.

Habitat and Heal's made an operating loss of £2.8 million last year and the division is expected to lose about £11 million this year.

Fairline falls 148p after bid talks fail

By Melinda Wittstock

Shares in Fairline Boats sank 48p to 695p after the Northhamptonshire hixury boat builder announced that talks which may have led to a full bid for the company have

The unexpected approach, which sent Fairline's shares up 112p to 835p when it was revealed early last month, failed to materialize into an offer after the unnamed company decided to acquire another company instead.

Mr Sam Newington, the Fairline chairman and managing director, said: "It was nothing to do with our trading performance or the price we wanted." With his family, he owns 55 per cent of Fairline

Fairline, which says its or-ders are well ahead of last year, was negotiating to sell the company for slightly more than its £29.2 million value the day the bid approach pushed its shares to 835p.

Mr Newington said the group was not looking for another buyer. He added that work is shortly due to start on a factory to build 60st boats that will sell for about £400,000.

He said he remains optimistic about sales, despite the economic downturn

Hongkong Bank to pay £92.8m for Lloyds of Canada

From Lata Ya, Hong Kong

Banking Corp has agreed to by an enhanced national presacquire Lloyds Bank of Can-ada for Can\$190 million (£92.8 million).

The deal will make its Mr Philip Harris, spokes-subsidiary, the Hongkong man of the Hongkong and Bank of Canada, the largest foreign bank in the country.

"We view the merger of the two banks as an excellent opprtunity to balance our operation by expanding in central and eastern Canada," said Mr Jim Cleave, Hongkong Bank president and chief

The bank, which also owns the Bank of British Columbia, is one of the 30 largest banks in the world, with total assets of more than Can\$6.1 billion. Following the merger with

Citibank as the leading overseas bank, with a strong presence in eastern Canada.

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Hongkong Bank has headquarters in Vancouver and 49 of its 61 branches in western Canada, while Lloyds has most of its 54 branches in Ontario and Quebec. "Our

The Canadian offshoot of the commitment to British Col-Hongkong and Shanghai umbia will not be diminished ence," said Mr Cleave. "It's simply good business to be

> Shanghai Bank, said the purchase would be paid for by notes payable in 1991.

The two banks and the regulatory authorities are discussing whether there should be interest payments on the notes.

Analysts yesterday gave their approval to the deal, in which Hongkong Bank's cash flow will remain unaffected until next year.

"The acquisition is a sound one. It reduces competition for the Hongkong Bank in Lloyds, which has assets of Canada's private banking secasset base," said Mr Keith Wu, banking economist at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. In the year to end-October,

Hongkong Bank reported net profits of Can\$34.8 million, while Lloyds unveiled losses of Can\$35.5 million after

Third World debt provisions. City rents second in

By Our City Staff Only Tokyo beats London in

There will be guidance for latest rise and for those who Office rents and charges in Tokyo total £127.46 per are among the increasing number of people with mortgage London is second at £89.60 and the West End of London the new breed of landlords of-

> Two other British cities. Manchester and Glasgow, figure in the league. Manchester is 19th at £25.50 and Glasgow

> Mr Ted Webster, the managing partner of Richard Ellis Scotland, said Glasgow was well placed to meet increased European competition with only Brussels and Amsterdam offering low-

office space in the city which at this stage, shows no signs of tailing off," he said. But, he per cent of the total charge in Glasgow was still high.

world table

the league of city office rents and charges, according to the latest survey by Richard Ellis, the international property

square foot, keeping it at the top of the league. The City of third at £85.70.

is 20th at £25.42.

er costs. "There is still exceptionally strong demand for quality added, the rates burden of 39

NAB completes Yorkshire buy

Mr Graham Sunderland, the further the quality of our general manager of Yorkshire services." Bank, has warmly welcomed He added: "I welcome our the bank's new Australian

parent company. Mr Sunderland said he was looking forward to working with the National Australia

The bank yesterday completed the £1 billion takeover mer shareholders. of Yorkshire Bank, which is

Britain's most profitable. Mr Sunderland, in his annual review, commented: "To our customers, I can pledge that the bank's essential character will not change, and, together with our new owner, for the year rose by 27.3 per we shall strive to improve cent to more than £4 billion.

new owner most warmly."

Last year was an "exceptional" one for Yorkshire. It produced strong profits, record growth in business lending and also the end of a

79-year partnership with for-Pre-tax profits for the year to end-December were £113.1

million. This was an increase of 12.8 per cent over the same period last year.

The group's total resources

Dividend increase for seventh successive year.

Record year's bistorical cost profit, boosted by

stock holding gains of £383 million.

Exploration and Production benefits from higher crude oil prices, offset by lower production and increased

Record year's profit for Chemicals.

Substantial progress with sale of coal interests in

fourth quarter.

taxation.

Fourth quarterly dividend brings total for the year

to 14.90 pence per share - up from 13.50 pence in 1988.

Financial highlights	1989	1988
Group profit after taxation		
Historical cost	£1,744m	£1,210m
Replacement cost*	£1,361m	£1,437m
Extraordinary profit after taxation		_
Dividends per Ordinary Share	14.90p	13.50p

*EXCLUDES STOCK HOLDING GAINS AND LOSSES.

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Worries over disposals

depress Tate & Lyle

WALL STREET

Dow in a narrow range as investors hold back

shares stayed close to Wednesday's closing levels with investors holding back to await the trade data due today.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed up 0.22 of a point on Wednesday at 2.624.32, was unchanged in

in a narrow range between 2,627.93 and 2,621.17 points.

New York (Reuter) - US A few more issues showed

Concern about a jump in the January housing starts was offset by a realization that the figure was due to harsh

to the filing by Drexel Burnham Lambert, the junk-The index had been moving bond financier, for chapter 11 protection against bankruptcy



gains than losses.

By Michael Clark

Worries that the latest round

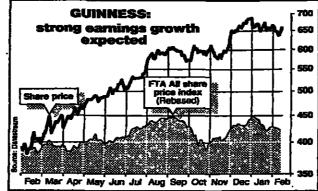
may have suffered a hitch left

mouths as the price finished

Dealers have been waiting

a sour taste in investors

The market's calm reaction



24p at 732p and BAA 12p at

full-year figures showing net income rising from £1.2 billion to £1.74 billion. The

shares added 3.5p at 346.5p. But Enterprise Oil fell 9p to 642p on persistent talk that ICI is close to placing its 25

of more than £1 billion. Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, has joined a

growing band which believes that Guinness is good for you. Mr John Spicer, drinks analyst at Kleinwort, has raised his forecast for 1989 by £40 million to £680 million and per cent stake in the market. for the current year by £48

Cadbury Schweppes eased 1p to 335p, after 330p, ahead of fullyear figures this month. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, says there are likely to be few surprises with the drinks division outperforming the confectionery business. WoodMac is more worried about slower growth in 1990 and further share issues. It is a seller of the shares short-term.

The speculators are hoping ICI will sell-on the holding to a single buyer like Elf Aquitaine which accounts for another 25 per cent of Enterprise. ICI eased 3p to £10.69 ahead of full-year figures next week which are expected to show a marginal rise in pre-tax profits from £1.47 billion to

Racal Electronics rose 7p to 231p, excited by the news that it is in talks with the Government to supply a nationwide intergrated voice and data service between Government Telecom, up 2p at 308p, Glaxo of 10 years. The project is

WMC's 43.9 per cent-owner

aluminium producer, Alcoa of

Australia, doubled its profit

from Aus\$81.9 million to

Excluding the performance of Alcoa, WMC's profits fell from Aus\$122 million to

Directors declared an inter-

im dividend of 13 cents for an

unfranked dividend and 11.05

Aus\$160.5 million.

Aus\$50.3 million.

From David Tweed, Sydney

WMC recorded a slight

increase in equity-accounted

profit to Aus\$210.84 million

(£92.84 million) from Aus\$203.86 million (£89.76

million) during the period -

million. Mr Spicer said: "I'm looking for earnings growth of around 30 per cent".

million to £808 million. Last

year Guinness made £521

He was moved to increase his forecast because of the buoyancy of Scotch whisky sales to the Far East and Japan. It had been thought that the 40 per cent surge in sales to Japan last year had been a one-off event owing to changes in duty.

But the increased levels

vide further earnings growth. Priest Marians, the property developer, leapt 90p to 265p on the news that Mr David Holland's Grovewood had bought a 13.8 per cent stake. Dealers are now hoping that Grovewood, which also has a near 20 per cent stake in Early's of Witney, will make an offer for the rest. Early's fell

7p to 250p on the news. Hartwell, the Ford main dealer, jumped 10p at 156p virtually matching the in-creased terms from the Saudibased Jameel Group valuing the group at £172 million. Hartwell has rejected the

Boats ran into stormy weather sinking 148p to 675p after been terminated.

Gestetner fell 4p to 209p after deciding to push ahead with its widely anticipated rights issue. The group is raising £65.2 million on the basis of one new share for

to 363p still overshadowed by a recent profits warning. Crest Nicholson, down 30p at 160p, also added to the gloom in the building sector with its own profits warning along with full year figures.

after better-than-expected interim figures. Pre-tax profits were £30.1 million Recent high-flyer Fairline

announcing that talks that might have led to a bid had

every two held at 180p a share.

ECC Group fell another 7p

Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant slipped 2p to 183p after Meyer International placed its entire 21 per cent stake with various fund managers. The sale raised £38.8 million compared

Norsk Hydro by 21% to £2

By George Sive

Norsk Hydro, Norway's larg- Londo est public company and a broker substantial operator in Britain, suffered a 21 per cent fall in net income to £245.8 million (Kr2694 million) in

the year to end-December. In London the shares fell from £17.94 to £17.75 despite a rise in the dividend of 6.6 per cent to Kr4. Earnings fell from Kr17.10 to Kr13.10. The Norsk results were within the

£140.9 previo

with a book value of £32.3

seem to have held. This departments for a minimum combined with a £100 million contribution from the group's million. Meyer fell 6p to 348p.

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Nikkei by 316 points

Tokyo (Reuter) — Shares 316.10 points, or 0.85 per closed broadly firmer but off cent, to 37,471.99.

Turnover was about 500 million shares, an encouraging improvement over 360 mil-

lion on Wednesday. • Singapore - The Straits
Times industrial index recovered 14.65 points to end at 1,579.35 after losing 29.07 The Nikkei index surged points in the past two days.

Hang Seng

Johannesburg prices rally

WORLD MARKETS

Election hopes boost

strongly as the recent heavy in the morning supported by sell-off by local and foreign active bargain-hunting on a sell-off by local and foreign investors subsided, to be replaced by active demand at the lows, dealers said.

vestment trust funds mustered

buying enthusiasm on mount-

ing expectations that the pro-

business Liberal Democratic

Party will at least squeak

through with a majority in

Sunday's elections.

The overall share index rebounded to a preliminary 3,153 close after plunging to 3,091 points on Wednesday from 3,214, while the all-gold index recovered to 1,981 from

advances

Johannesburg (Reuter) - Hong Kong (Reuter) - The Stock market prices rallied main stock index rose sharply Britain and China over Hong Kong's political structure.

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The Hang Seng index rose 39.61 points to 2,910.04. "Supply was rare at these levels as the market seemed to have strong downside support at 2,820," a dealer said.

All-Ordinaries ahead

Sydney (Reuter) — The All-Ordinaries index edged up 1.9 with expectations of between Aus\$270 million and Aus\$310 million.

"But it was dragged down by the very disappointing Western Mining result, which was way below even the lowest

of expectations," one broker WMC reported an interim

The share price finished 18 cents lower at Aus\$5.84 and it was the most active stock by value with 3.73 million shares worth Aus\$22.22 million

● Frankfurt — The Dax index net profit of Aus\$210.8 milsurged 18.73 points to lion (£93.4 million) compared 1,850.96.

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(free)	146.3	0.5	-8.8	0.6	-4.7	0.5	-4.
Europe	719 <i>.4</i>	0.0	-5.4	0.3	-3.1	0.0	-0.
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(free)	232.3	-1.3	-1.2	-0.8	2.4	-1.3	3.
Pacific	3547.7	8.0	-10.5	8.0	-5.5	0.8	-6.
Far East	5178.0	0.8	-10.6	0.8	-5.6	0.8	-6.
Australia	311.8	1.3	-10.2	0.4	-0.7	1.3	-5.
Austria	1916.8	0.9	29.0	1.6	34.8	0.9	35.
Belgium	843.3	-0.7	-14.3	-0.1	-11.1	-0.7	-10.
Canada	518.4	-0.2	-13.7	-0.2	-5.5	-0.2	-9.
Denmark	1313.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	3.3	-0.6	4.
Finland	117.1	-0.1	1.6	0.3	4.4	0.0	6.
(free)	154.0	-1.2	3.3	-0.9	6.2	-1.2	8.
France	717.8	-0.3	-11.2	0.3	-7.8	-0.3	-6.
Germany	910.5	0.0	-0.8	0.6	3.6	0.0	4.
Hong Kong	2165.3	1.3	-24	1.3	2.6	1.3	2.0
Italy	355.6	-0.1	-7.8	0.4	-4.5	-0.1	-3.0
Japan	5496.8	8.0	-10.9	8.0	-6.0	8.0	-6.3
Netherlands	860.7	0.0	-9.0	0.7	-5.1	0.0	-4.3
New Zealand	91.1	1.0	-11.6	0.6	-5.6	1.0	-7.
Norway	1525.4	-0.5	13.6	-0.1	17.3	-0.5	19.4
(free)	264.8	-0.4	13.4	0.0	17.0	-0.4	19.
Sing/Malay	2036.7	0.2	2.1	0.3	5.3	0.2	7.3
Spain	214.5	-0.6	-9.4	-0.1	-5.5	-0.6	-4.8
Sweden	1559.8	-20	-11.1	-1.7	-7.4	-2.0	-6.5
(free)	220.7	-24	-8.8	-2.1	-5.1	-2.4	-42
Switzerland	888.5	0.5	-2.9	0.7	-1.0	0.5	2.1
(free)	136.3	0.5	-2.4	0.7	-0.5	0.5	2.6
UK .	687.2	0.4	-4.7	0.4	-4.7	0.4	0.2
USA	434.5	0.2	-10.1	0.2	-5.5	0.2	-5.5

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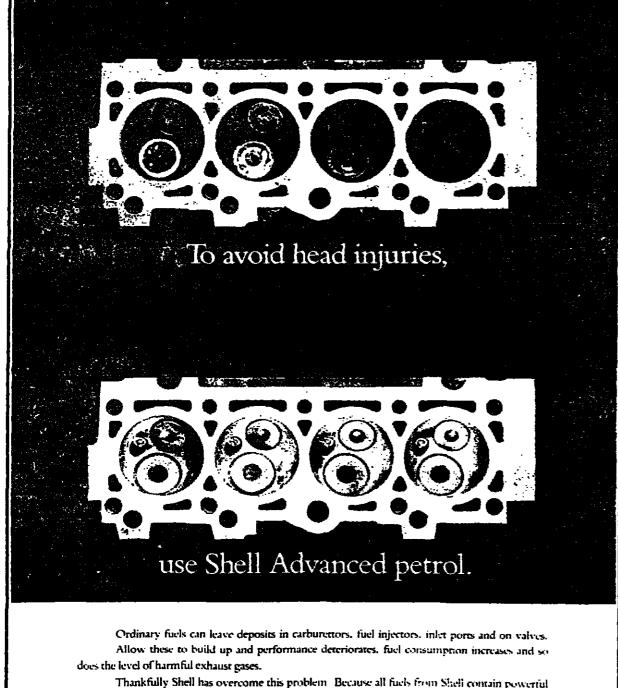
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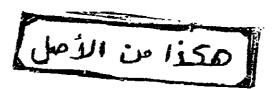


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So as you can see, all fuels are not the same. Only Shell fuels are 'Advanced'.

If you're not using them you may need your head examined.

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WHICH is why you cannot ignore the Single Market in your business plan.

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inspired by the firm of specialised chemical distributors who decided that they had to penetrate the French, German and Italian markets, entirely new environments to them.

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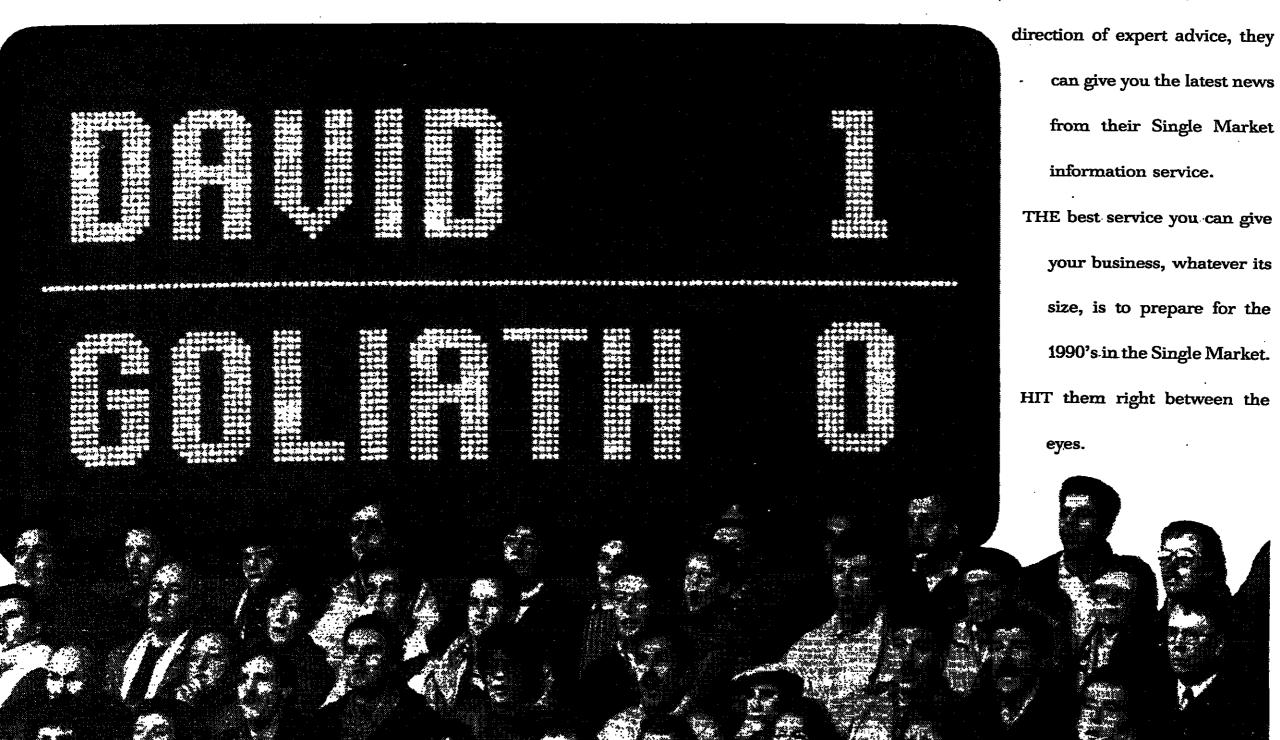
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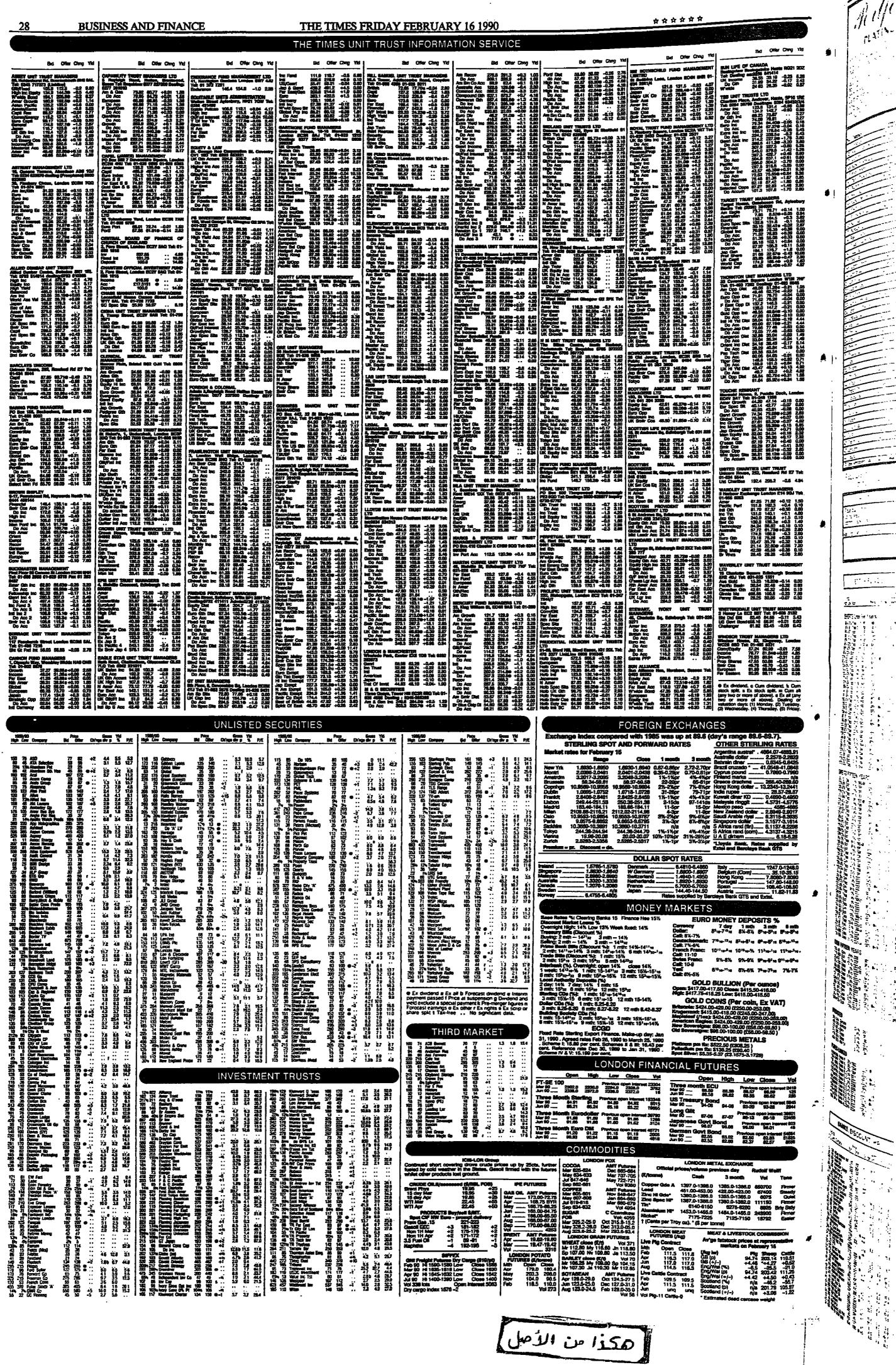
FOR more ammunition, try your Trade Association, Chamber of Commerce, Local Enterprise Agency or your local business club. (Have you joined one?) EACH may have invaluable advice.

AND if your aim is still unsure, ring the DTI Hotline on 01-200 1992, or your local DTI office.

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Surely some mistake, buyers might say as they note the similarity in delivery charges for two vehicles made on opposite sides of the world. How can it cost just £2.17 more to deliver a vehicle from Japan than to take one a short

distance down a motorway?

The riddle confronts buyers as soon as they start to write out the cheque for their new car in the showroom. Often, the "on the road" price they are quoted is not an onthe-road price at all. The dealer will want about £500 more, which covers a year's tax (£100), number plates (about £20), possibly an inspection charge and delivery.

Many buyers are upset at being asked to foot the bill for getting their car to the dealer. After all, customers at Marks & Spencer are not asked to pay a delivery charge on clothes, for example. Car buyers might live only 500 yards from the factory but, usually, the delivery charge still has to be paid.

A car made in Japan can carry a delivery charge that is only £2.17 more than a vehicle from the West Midlands. What are the hidden costs behind the arrival of your new car?

For the £15,750 Discovery (if one is available, for dealers this week were quoting delivery at up to nine months ahead) the approximate add-on quoted by a Maidenhead dealership totals £500, including delivery.

The extra for a £19,400 longwheelbase Shogun 2.6 petrol-driven vehicle is about £550, including delivery in London.

A London dealer selling a rival Isuzu Trooper long wheelbase Citation at £16,800 will want about another £500, including delivery costs of about £300. Mercedes-Benz asks only £190 plus VAT for its cheapest £20,600, 2.3-litre, petrol-driven G-Wagen, which comes from Austria.

Lest buyers of four-wheel drive vehicles feel hard done by, there are similar charges for saloons and

Ford, Britain's biggest car company, usually charges £200 plus £30 VAT for delivery. Vanxhall charges about the same, although the full

delivery cost plus plates, tax and pre-delivery inspection could run to about £475. For a £13,400 Toyota Camry, the extras amount to £450, including £250 delivery, and Mitsubishi says that charges are on a sliding scale, depending on area, but are likely to be similar.

'Any other formula would mean that it would be enormously expensive for buyers living in remote areas'

So why is there a delivery charge, and why should it be so much regardless of where the vehicle is

made and where the customer lives? The Motor Agents' Association, which represents about 13,000 garages, says that moving a ton of car is not like packing M&S clothes into the back of a truck for transport to a

Neil Marshall, the MAA's economist, says: "We know that buyers sometimes get upset about delivery charges, but they should consider them like postage stamps: the delivery charge is the same whether the letter goes to the next house or John o'Groats, Any other formula would mean that it would be enormously expensive for buyers living in remote areas."

Tha Japanese point out that transport from Japan to UK ports is covered in the price agreed between the manufacturer and importer. The extra £300 or so is the cost of transporting the vehicle within Britain — which is why the cost of

the Discovery delivery is so close to that of the Shogun.

The Japanese also believe that by quoting delivery charges separately, manufacturers and dealers are sav-

ing car buyers a little extra money. David Miles, of Mitsubishi, says: "If the delivery charge were included in the list price, customers would have to pay the 10 per cent special car tax on it. By keeping it separate, customers can compare delivery prices and know they are liable only to VAT on the cost."

However, when it comes to relieving the pain of delivery charges, few makers can rival Mercedes-Benz. Buyers of the cars have the choice of paying the £200 or so delivery charge or using the money to travel to the factory in West Germany to collect their car. Dealers will refund any extra cash spent over the £200 cost for a single flight for the owner, a night in a hotel near Stuttgart, plus the cost of a hovercraft back.

Mercedes confirms: "It is up to the buyer to choose, but they have the option of paying the flat fee or going to collect their car from Stuttgart where applicable and the dealer will top up the costs".

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Climbing back

programme in Britain on March 1, when it launches the "junior" luxury range of Dedra models, costing between £10,695 and £15,395. Using 1.6-, 1.8- or two-litre, fuel-injected engines, the Dedra range is one of the most aerodynamic offered by the company, while not spoiling the usual distinctive styling. Lancia's sales in Britain fell a few years ago after rust scares, but the company has been rebuilding its reputation with a number of advances, such as the acclaimed Delta compact models.

ROADWISE

Jaguar hits the top

Jaguar achieved record January sales in the United States and Japan, reversing a depressing trend of last year. Sales in the US were up by 2.1 per cent to 1,523 cars, and in Japan, the fastest-growing naper, the restest-growing market, up by 58 per cent — a threefold increase, underlining the country's opening-up to foreign products.

Range Rover had record UK sales of 841 cars in January. Sales of the new Land-Rover Discovery reached 446, bringing the total delivered since its November faunch to 1,366.

Citroën has added two permanent four-wheel drive models to its BX line-up: a BX GTi 4x4 at £13,899, and a BX 4x4 Estate car at £12,599.

Christie's next sale of classic cars, at Beaulieu Motor Museum, Hampshire, on March 20, features what is described as outstanding pre-war and modern classic cars, including a 1985 twinturbocharged Ferrari 288 GTO Berlinetta, worth about £500,000, and the 1968 Costin-Nathan Sports Racing

The two-day Fleet Motor Show, for company-car buyers, who account for more than half of all new car sales in the UK, will open at Olympia, west London, on May 2.

GT, which could fetch

£90,000.

■ Porsche says it has delivered 1,000 cars equipped with catalytic converters to UK customers. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders estimates there are 10.000 "cat" cars on British roads, meaning that Porsche owners account for one in 10. Power and performance of the West German cars are not affected by the catalysts, which have been available in the republic for some time.

III Ginetta, the tiny specialist sports car maker, has won a £2.25 million deal to supply cars to Japan. Based in the unlikely setting of Scunthorpe, Ginetta will supply about 35 cars in the first year in what is thought to be the largest export order to Japan for a specialist manufacturer. Portman Lamborghini, the UK concessionaire for the exotic Italian supercars, is to build a headquarters on the site of the Brooklands race track in

If you thought strikes in problems, consider this. One worker died and seven were seriously injured in an inter-union dispute at Ford's factory at Cuautitian, Mexico. The company has had to guarantee workers' safety and remove security forces as part of the return-to-work

A Rolls-wreck story

he long, sleek lines of the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud looked the perfect investment for Dick Hudson when he bought the 1963 classic for £20,000 from a friend in the United States, knowing it could be worth £25,000 by the time he got it home to Britain.

The car was loaded gently on to a container ship in Newark, New Jersey, for the 3,500-mile journey across the Atlantic.

A month later, Hudson went to pick up his classic and found it badly damaged. Hudson says he was told the car had not been tethered inside its 40ft container and had rolled back and forth, smashing into the steel sides with every pitch of the ship.

His dream of owning a classic Rolls-Royce turned into a six-month nightmare of transatlantic paperwork and legal battles as he sought compensation.

The sad tale of a classic car.

shipped from the US, which became a shadow of its

former self

Rolls-Royce experts in Manchester examined the car and estimated repairs at £16,400. They recommended that Hudson write it off.

The insurers, with whom Hudson took out cover for about £10,000, say his policy did not cover damage, and the shipping company, Hapag-Lloyd, has offered £2,000 compensation under maritime law.

This week, as Hudson surveyed his Silver Cloud at the start of extensive repairs in a body shop near his home at Ilfracombe, north Devon, he said: "It has been an extraordinary experience. I employed an agent, took out insurance and handed the car over to what I believed was a company that would be responsible for the car.

"Then I find my car is wrecked and no one wants to

He claimed Hapag-Lloyd demanded a £1,000 shipping payment before allowing him to take charge of the vehicle here in Britain. Hudson found there was no one to turn to. His legal bills have accumulated, the insurance he took out was virtually worthless and Hapag-Lloyd has disclaimed responsibility for the damage,

Michael Allwood, Hapag-Lloyd's UK managing director, said his company was pursuing the case with the packing contractors, to which the car was entrusted in



Off the road: Dick Hudson and the Rolls-Royce he had shipped from America to England

handled large numbers of cars annually for large manufacturers, including Rolls-Royce and Jaguar.

Allwood added: "We want to assist where we can and we are offering to pay more than we are liable for. We believe Mr Hudson's insurance was not enough to cover the

His company successfully damage. There will always be shipper were not enough a risk at sea, but in this case the securing of the car inside the container was not our responsibility."

None of this, of course, is any comfort to Hudson, who has discovered too late that the precautions of hiring an agent, taking out insurance cover the repairs to the car, and using a well-known

protection. All he wants, he says, is for someone to acknowledge "moral responsibility" for his loss. "I am left with nowhere to

go," he said. "I am having to repair the car myself while I have been offered £2,000 to



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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Optimism on export prospects soars among smaller firms

Smaller businesses have had their confidence badly dented over the last few mouths as interest rates have stayed high with demand prospects this year remaining uncertain. But those with an established export presence in the more buoyant mainland Europe markets are seeing a welcome

The message was underlined this week by the latest smaller firms economic report from the Confederation of British Industry which said the economically livelier European markets, plus the effect of the lower pound, had proved a window of opportunity for those already operating in

Until this survey optimism about export prospects was muted. In the final half of last year the positive balance between pessimists and optimists was only 3 per cent. The new survey shows this jumping to 26 per cent, which outstrips current opinion about export chances among bigger

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Encouragingly, just over half of smaller manufacturers are now supplying overseas markets, although Government worries re-main strong that too few smaller businesses are preparing for the single European market.

There is one cloud on the horizon. While twice as many small businesses than earlier now expect a rising volume of export orders, 42 per cent see average export prices rising in the next four months. About two thirds of those in the survey believed price would be the biggest factor in trimming growth in exports.

The survey reports cost pressures squeezing margins. High wage settlements and increased raw material costs seem to be the main culprits. This is against a background of stagnant output growth which is leading smaller firms to contemplate a drop in capital spending on items like plant and machinery. The investment outlook for smaller firms seems to be the weakest since the autumn of 1983.

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Designs on £1m turnover

When money is tight and the competition fierce, the personal touch gives a small company the edge, Mrs Rosie Winston believes. As an interior designer, she aims to provide the same quality service whether the client wants two rolls wallpaper or a £200,000

"The business is a very personal one and each of my clients is dealt with by myself. I have a very strong personal input,"she says.

Mrs Winston has a shop in Little Venice, West London, and has two assistants, one to help with designs and administration and another to keep books and do secretarial work.

Although her premises are in a backwater, she wants to stay in the area, where there is a good class of retail business. She says: "I feel it's a very good area to have a business such as this. I've seen a lot of interior design shops in rundown areas and as a result the business tends to be run down."

Despite the economic downturn, business has been good for what is normally a quiet time of year after Christmas. Many retail clients are high earners who are not hit so readily by rises in mortgage rates. In any case, some customers unable to move house are ringing the changes in their existing homes instead.

Prospects were not always so rosy. Mrs Winston set up on her in 1985 when the interior design company she worked for as an administrator went into liqui-dation. She says: "With no capital I was forced to take on freelance design work and operate from

Show house route to retailing success: Rosie Winston in her Little Venice interior design shop home. The work was irregular and cash flow was tight, especially as

there was no opportunity to there were delays on the project. Other building companies were supply any of the products and hence make a living wage."
The breakthrough came in 1986 when she designed and furnished impressed. Mrs Winston says: "I made a conscious decision to go for show house work as I thought the interior of a show unit for a this would be regular work, which development in Croydon, Surrey, was of utmost importance. I took a winning the contract by working on a very small margin. I saw this small serviced office and started to open more trade accounts so I

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Venice brought in profitable retail business. Turnover is £600,000 a year and she hopes to top £1

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While many small businesses are finding life tough in the present, economic climate, Mrs Winston is looking for High Street premises in the area. She says: "Now is the time to think of expansion rather than when the market picks up. We want to be a

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Industrial Editor

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No back-calculation for motorist

Millard v DPP Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan [Judgment February 15

The assumption in section 10(2) of a pint of beer, police officers of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, that the proportion of alcohol in the Transport Act 1981, that the proportion of alcohol in the accused's breath, blood or urine at the time of the offence was not less than in the specimen,

At the police station he provided two specimens of breath visional Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated brought by the defendant, William Windover Millard, against the decision of the Guildhall Justices who, on June 19, 1989, convicted the defendant of driving a motor car on a road after ing a motor car on a road after consuming alcohol in such a quantity that the proportion thereof in his breath exceeded section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8.

The justices fined the defeudant £250, ordered him to pay £180 costs and disqualified him from driving for three years. Mr Jonathan S. Fisher for the fendant: Mr Peter Ader for

the prosecution. LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the justices found the

following facts.
On December 1, 1988 the defendant was at lunch from 1.15pm to 3.45pm. During that time he are sandwiches and drank a bottle of white wine. He then returned to his office where he remained until 5.30pm.

Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and

Security (Payments on Account, Overpayments and Recovery) Regulations (SI 1987 No 491)

was a transitional provision within the meaning of section 89(1) of the Social Security Act

1986 which, in modifying section 53(1) of that Act, enabled

the Secretary of State for Social

Services to recover from current

benefit, including supplementary benefit, overpayments

of unemployment benefit deter-mined due before the Act came

Divisional Court (Lord Justice

27, 1989) that the regulation was

Security Act 1986 provides: "(1)

Where it is determined that

whether fraudulently or other-wise, any person has misrepre-sented, or failed to disclose, any

material fact and in con-

sequence of the misrepresenta-

tion or failure — (a) a payment has been made in respect of a

benefit to which this section

S. OF (b) anv si

Section 53 of the Social

[Judgment February 6] Regulation 20(2) of the Social of a large whisky. He then left and drove his car to another parking place.

He returned to the public bis solicitor chose not to adduce

parking place.
He returned to the public house. When he had drunk most

it was positive. He was arrested and taken to a police station. At the police station he pro-

At the conclusion of the defendant's evidence it was submitted that the justices

the purpose of calculating retrospectively the effects of the whisky drunk prior to driving and the beer drunk by the defendant after driving. It was contended on behalf of

the prosecution that with regard to the whisky, following the decision in *Beauchamp-Thompson v DPP* ([1989] RTR 54), the justices should not receive evijustices should not receive evi-dence of the alcohol/breath ratio

The justices were of the opinion that by virtue of section 10(2) of the 1972 Act (as substituted) and the decision in Beauchamp-Thompson it was not open to them to allow evidence of retrospective Upon leaving his office he drove to a public house. Soon after 5.45pm he drank nearly all the beer.

such evidence. They accordingly convicted the defendant.

The question posed was whether on a charge of driving with alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit con-trary to section 6(1) of the 1972 Act (as substituted) a defendant might adduce

(i) evidence of his consump-tion of alcohol prior to driving his vehicle and

(ii) evidence of a medical and scientific nature to explain the effect of such alcohol consumption on the proportion of al-cohol in his breath, blood or urine at the time of driving for the purpose of establishing that at the time of driving the level of alcohol concentration was be-low the prescribed limit, not-withstanding that at the time the specimen was provided, the proportion of alcohol exceeded the prescribed limit.

The essential question was whether the assumption which the justices were, in appropriate circumstances, called upon to make, was rebuttable. If it was, as Mr Fisher said, the defen-dant's conviction would have to be quashed.

be quashed.
In support of his contention, Mr Fisher relied on Cracknell v Willis ([1988] AC 450).
In his Lordship's view, Cracknell did not bolster his proposition. In the present context, Cracknell was concerned only with the right of a defendant to call evidence to destroy dant to call evidence to destroy the presumption that the device into which samples of breath had been provided was reliable. possibly be equated with the assumption in point in the present case.

Mr Fisher also sought comfort from Gumbley v Cunningham ([1989] AC 281). That was the speek-calculation, case. There

"back-calculation" case. There too the House of Lords was dealing with admissibility of evidence in a specific and confined context

Lord Ackner's final observa-tion (at p287) that "...it would ... be quite wrong to interpret the new statutory provisions as continuing to exclude evidence which is relevant to establishing the blood-alcohol concentration at a time when the defendant was driving" could not be taken to be of general application. It clearly related only to the issue in that case and none other. in that case and none other.

A case directly opposed to the defendant was Beauchamp-Thompson v DPP. Mr Fisher said that that decision was wrong in law and anyway was

per incuriam because Cracknell had not been not cited to the But Cracknell was concerned with a different point, namely the calling of evidence to destroy the presumption of the reliability of the device. His Londship considered Mr Fisher's submissions in relation to Beauchamp-Thompson

The assumption in section 10(2) of the 1972 Act (as substituted), when it came to be made, was irrebutable. If it were not, section 10(2) would be, in part at any rate, a nonsensical provision. The appeal would be

Mr Justice Nolan agreed. Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; CPS, Inner London.

Calculating average hourly pay rate

British Coal Corporation v

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich. Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Lowry [Speeches February 15]

In calculating an employee's average hourly rate of pay under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 14 to the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 (where the employee's pay var-ied with the amount of work done) the adjustment to be made under paragraph 5(2) of the Schedule to correct the distortion of the average pay for normal hours which would otherwise arise from the payment of overtime rates was simply to deduct from the actual eration any element of overtime premit

Accordingly, it was not permissible for an employee who was paid a bonus for normal working hours but not for overtime to have his over-time earnings reduced to a normal working hours rate including the bonus.

The House of Lords so held (Lord Brandon and Lord Griffiths dissenting) in dismissing an appeal by Mr Alan Cheesbrough from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Monn) Nourse and Lord Justice Mann) (The Times May 23, 1988; [1988] ICR 769) that the method of calculation used by his employers, British Coal, in calculating his redundancy pay-ment under the 1978 was

The industrial tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal ([1988] ICR 60) had adopted methods of calculation resulting in a higher payment.

Mr John Hendy, QC and Mr Jeremy McMullen for Mr Cheesbrough; Mr Peter Gold-smith, QC and Mr Andrew Smith for British Coal.

LORD BRIDGE said that the notional amount of a week's pay was the basic building block to be used in calculating the amount not only of redundancy payments but also of guarant payments to employees for workless days, of remuneration of employees suspended from work on medical grounds, of maternity pay, of payments in lieu of notice to employees dismissed without notice, of the basic award payable in compensation for unfair dis-missal and of payments in respect of lay-off and short time.

Hence the need to apply the complex provisions of Sch 14 to a wide variety of different pay structures under different contracts of employment had to be a matter of frequent occurrence in the worlds of commerce and industry.

Those considerations gave the appeal an importance extending the overtime premium.

far beyond the ambit of the Paragraph 3 of the Schedule provided for those in employment for which there were maximum bonus he could earn normal working hours two quite distinct methods of calculating a

distinct methods of calculating a week's pay.

If an employee's remuneration for employment in normal working hours in the week was unaffected by any variable element in the pay structure, a week's pay was simply the contractual amount payable for the normal working hours in a full week. ill week. In that case any voluntary

overtime earnings were simply ignored. That was the effect of paragraph 3(2).
But if there was any variable

element in an employee's remuneration dependent on results, for example piece rates, productivity bonus, com-mission and the like, the amount of a week's pay was to paragrpahs 3(3) and 5.

Paragraph 5 provided: "(2) Where, in arriving at the said hourly rate of remuneration, account has to be taken of remuneration payable for, or apportionable to, work done in hours other than normal working hours, and the amount of that remuneration was greater than it would have been if the work had been done in normal working hours, account shall be taken of that remuneration as if (a) the work had been done in normal working hours; and (b) the amount of that remuneration had been reduced

accordingly."
The effect of paragraphs 3(3) and 5 was that in order to arrive at the "average hourly rate of remuneration" the total remuneration actually earned by the employee in the relevant period of 12 weeks had to be divided by the total number of bours actually worked, subject only to the adjustment required by paragraph 5(2).

The average hourly rate of

remuneration was then mul-tiplied by the normal working hours in a week to produce the amount of a week's pay.

Mr Cheesbrough's normal working week comprised five eight-hour shifts. In addition he regularly worked about 20 hours of voluntary overtime, for which he was paid the basic rate

plus 50 per cent.
For each shift worked in his normal working hours he was entitled to a bonus, but no additional bonus was earned for any overtime worked. British Coal had proposed to

make a redundancy payment calculated on the basis that in order to arrive at his "average hourly rate of remuneration the only adjustment to be made to the figure of his total remuneration divided by total hours worked in the relevant period of 12 weeks was the deduction from the actual

It was obvious that that method of calculation applied to by working a full normal week of 40 hours and could earn no additional bonus in overtime additional bonus in overtime had the effect that the greater the number of bours he had worked in overtime the smaller the amount of a week's pay would

British Coal's submission was that the adjustment required by paragraph 5(2) was the deduction from the total actual remuneration of the element of overtime premium, no more and no less.

and no tess.

The submission of Mr
Chessbrough was that the
calculation proceeded as follows: calculate the actual average hourly rate of remuneration of whatever nature payable for, or apportionable to, work done in normal working hours; call that amount (a).

Next calculate the actual av-

erage hourly rate of remunera-tion of whatever nature payable for, or apportionable to, work done in overtime hours; call that amount (b).

amount (b).

If (b) exceeded (a) deduct that difference from the total actual remuneration as the numerator in the fraction to be calculated under paragraph 3(3). If (b) did not exceed (a), make ao deduction.

On the language of paragraph 5(2) the assumption required by the hypothesis "as if [the work done in overtime hours] had been done in normal working hours" and that "remuneration had been reduced accordingly' the amount of remuneration

memm.

The crucial question was whether the statutory hypothesis required a further and contervaling fictional assumption that overtime work should be treated as having all other characteristics of the work done by the employee in normal working hours so far as they affected his remumeration. His Lordship could discover nothing in the language of paragraph 5(2) which required that further fictional assump-

tion to be made.
On the true construction of paragraph 5(2) the calculation of the average hourly rate of remuneration was in all cases to be made simply by deducting from actual remuneration any dement of overtime premium.

LORD GRIFFITHS, dissenting, said that he could not believe that it could have been the intention of Parliament that a man who was prepared to work overtime during the last 12 weeks of his employment should thereby reduce his entitlement to redundancy pay-ment so that he received a any overtime.

It seemed to his Lordship that paragraph 5(2) provided a very simple formula which worked as follows: first, calculate the hourly remuneration paid in overtime, that includes all elements of ray, second, calculate ments of pay; second, calculate what the hourly remuneration would have been if the same work had been done under the same conditions in normal working hours. Again, include

all elements of the pay.

If the amount paid in overtime was greater than the amount that would have been paid in normal working hours, reduce the overtime pay to the amount that would have been paid in normal working hours.

The application of the form The application of that for-mula would, in the vast majority of cases, merely result in stripping out the additional hourly rate paid for overtime because normally one would expect that bonus, piece-work rates, and so on, would be paid in overtime as well as in normal hours, and the only difference between overtime remuneration and normal working hours remuneration would be that, say, time-and-a-half was paid

for overtime. for overtime.

However, because of the unusual nature of British Coal's bonus scheme the formula provided by paragraph 5(2) could not be applied in the present case by simply stripping out the applied bounds or provided by the present case by simply stripping out the applied bounds or provided by the present the pres overtime hourly premium. Mr Cheesbrough's hourly not entitle him to any bonus

payment. His work during normal working hours, however, did attract a bonus and that bonus boosted his bourly rate of remuneration. Therefore the bonus had to be

taken into the equation to calculate his hourly rate of remuneration in normal working hours. It was to that figure that the hourly rate of remuneration for overtime had to be reduced. The Court of Appeal had

apparently been impressed by the simplicity of British Coal's approach which was, in all cases, merely to strip out the hourly overtime premium which they thought would be a certain and easy formula for industry to

apply.
His Lordship had already pointed out that in the vast majority of cases, the formula provided by paragraph 5(2) would have that result. However, it did not have that result in the present case and he was not prepared to adopt a construction which, while it might save the employer from some elementary mathematics. would result in obvious injustice to the employee.

Lord Brandon agreed with Lord Lowry delivered opinions concurring with Lord Bridge. Solicitors: Seifert Sedley Wil-liams; Mr Julian P. Collins.

Fleeting recognition

It was not at all certain that previous sightings of a person could render his identification that purported identification at the time of the theft amounted

to no more than a glimpse. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts) so observed on February 8 in quashing the conviction of Kon-ald Ryan Etienne who was sentenced at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Parker, Ansust 2, 1989 to 18 ansust 2, 1989 to 18

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that a customer in a shop had her handbag snatched and the shookeepers both caught a dimpse of the thief. They had told police they were satisfied

representation or failure to

Section 89 provides: "(1) Regulations may make such transitional and consequential provision (including provision modifying any enactment conained in this or any other Act) or saving as the secretary of state considers necessary or expedi-ent in preparation for or in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act or the operation of any enactment which is repealed or amended by a provision of this Act during any period when the repeal or amendment is not

wholly in force. Regulation 20 of the 1987 The Court of Appeal so held dismissing Mr Alan Britnell's appeal from the decision of the Regulations provides: "(2) Section 53(7) and (9) (recovery by deductions from benefit and recovery through the county court or sheriff court) and Part VII of these Regulations (the Mann and Mr Justice McCowan), (The Times January process of recovery) shall apply to any amount recoverable or repayable under any enactment repealed by the Act or any Regulations revoked by these Regulations as if it was an amount recoverable under sec-

tion 53(1)." Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Andrew Watson for Mr Britnell; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

able by or on behalf of the STAUGHTON said that in secretary of state in connection 1975 it had been determined

because they had seen him before. He had been in their

shop a number of times during

The trial judge had given an appropriate warning to the jury

of the dancers of convicting on

lt could not be gainsaid that the quality of the shopkeepers' identification was fragile. It was no more than a fleeting glimpse. It was the sort of identification where mistakes could be made.

an identification amounting to a

fleeting glimpse.
This had amounted to no

more than fleeting-glimpse

recognition. It left the court with

weak identification evidence.

the previous month.

Retrospective recovery of benefit is lawful Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Britnell Services, Ex parte Britnell Services, Ex parte Britnell Services, Ex parte Britnell Services, Ex parte Services, Ex parte the amount of any payment which he would not have made or any sum which he would not have made overpayment thereafter. At that the particular of the Rolls.

the recovery from supplementary allowance. In April 1987 the new Social Security Act 1986 came into force and the secretary of state decided that the remaining sums would be recovered from Mr Britnell's supplementary

benefit. Mr Sedley had submitted that under the old law there were two separate systems of social bene-fit and that overpayments in respect of unemployment bene-fit (provided under one system) were not recoverable from supplementary benefit (pro-vided under the other).

in respect of a determination made after the section had come into force, the secretary of state might deduct from both The question was whether the outstanding amount could be recovered from Mr Britnell's supplementary benefit in re-

far as section 53 was concerned

His Lordship said that in so

spect of a determination made before April 1987. In considering the statutory provisions the issue was therefore whether regulation 20(2) had been validly made under section 89(1) of the 1986 Act which empowered the secretary of state to make transitional and consequential provisions, and

regulation 20(2) was within that

A two-axled rigid motor lorry

was a heavy motor car for the purposes of regulation 12 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulation (SI 1982 No 1163), as substituted by the

Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1983 No 374) and was thus prohibited from using the right hand or offside lane of a three lane correspond

lane of a three-lane carriageway.

so held on February 13 in

dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Neil Terence McCrory against his conviction by St Albans Justices for driving in the right-hand lane of the

the right-hand lane of the

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Brooke)

In considering what was neant by "transitional" his

Lorry third-lane ban

McCrory v Director of Public said that it was argued that as

12(1)(a).

category.

Prosecutions

came into force on a given day not only did substantive provisions come into force, but also repealing provisions. A difficulty could then arise as

to the effect on a case where some of the relevant facts had taken place before that date.

Transitional provisions were designed to resolve that diffi-culty. The new law and the regulations provided that overpayment in past unemployment benefit might be recoverable from current benefit, including supplementary benefit where the determination occurred after section 53 had come into

Regulation 20(2) extended that to provide that there could still be such a recovery if one material fact, the determination, had taken place before section 53 had come into force. Thus regulation 20(2) regulated the effect of the statute where some of the relevant facts had occurred before the commence

In his Lordship's judgment regulation 20(2) was a transi-tional provision modifying sec-tion 53 which the secretary of state was entitled to make and was therefore within the powers conferred by section 89(1). His Lordship would dismiss

the appeal. The Master of the Roils and Lord Justice Farquharson

Solicitors: Sinclair Taylor & Martin, North Kensington, for Mr C. P. Spencer, Manchester; Solicitor, DHSS.

the vehicle came within the description of a goods vehicle

but its operating weight was below 7.5 tonnes it was not prohibited from using the out-side lane under regulation

However, his Lordship was

impelled to the conclusion that the vehicle was a heavy motor

car as defined by section 136(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation

Act 1984 and thus came under

The appellant had argued that the effect of adopting that approach was to make regula-

His Lordship readily accepted that regulation 12 could have

been drafted in a different way

However, taking it as it stood there was no doubt that the

vehicle concerned was a heavy

regulation 12(1)(d).

tion 12(1)(a) otiose.

[Judgment February 2]

was not the occurrence of a "new event" that invalidated sis on which the had made his order. The former £70,000. husband had not established a ground on which the court could him leave to appeal out of time against the valuation.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the husband, Mr Norman Ed-monds, from the decision of Judge Murray Band, QC, in Croydon County Court in August 1988 refusing him leave to appeal out of time against a ancillary relief proceedings brought by the wife, Mrs Janet

Miss Jane Mishcon for the husband. Mr J. H. Shaw for the

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the proceedings concerned the former matrimonial home of a couple who had divorced in 1987 At the hearing of the wife's application for ancillary relief in

House price increase is not a 'new event' to her on payment to the husband of a lump sum equal to one-fifth of its gross value less

Edmonds v Edmonds Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

The sale of a former matri- wanted to stay in the house, the ercise its discretion to grant

May 1987, a registrar had ordered the transfer of the home

Having found that the wife

monial home by a former wife at registrar delayed the payment of a price that substantially exthat lump sum for a year. figure arrived at months earlier December 4, 1987 only as to valuation of the house, the registrar, upholding his May ision, arrived at a figure of

> The wife had called the same surveyor to give expert evidence on value at each of those hearings. The husband called no expert but had always insisted that the value was greater -£107,000 he had contended in December 1987 - and that planning permission could be obtained in respect of it. In obtained in respect of it. In March 1988 he had obtained outline planning permission.

> The wife then changed her mind about wishing to live in the house and placed it on the market for £110,000. She obtained a buyer at that price and completion of the sale took place in August 1988.
> The husband applied for leave to appeal out of time against the order of the registrar made on December 4, 1987. His applica-

tion was refused by Judge Murray Band on August 19, 1988. Miss Mishcon contended, inter alia, that he should have leave to appeal on the ground

which invalidated the basis on which the registrar had made his order so that any appeal was certain or very likely to succeed.
She relied on *Barder v Caluori*([1988] AC 20, 43) and to *dicta*of Lord Brandon of Oakbrook "properly exercise its discretion to grant leave to appeal out of time from an order for financial

provision or property transfer made after a divorce on the ground of new events, provided that certain conditions are sat-isfied ... that new events have occurred since the making of the order which invalidate the basis, or fundamental assumption, upon which the order was made, so that, if leave to appeal out of time were to be given, the appeal would be certain, or very likely

to succeed". It was not possible to say what effect the grant of planning permission had on the purchase price. The husband, however, would not be able to satisfy a court that the valuation in December 1987 was wrong.

Miss Mishcon relied heavily on the Court of Appeal decision in Warren v Warren ((1983) 4 FLR 529) where an appeal was allowed to be brought following a gross error in valuing a matrimonial home. That deits own facts.

cision depended very much on the sale at £110,000 were not on the facts new events within the

first condition laid down by Lord Brandon.
In particular the valuations relied on by the registrar had not been properly tested by the husband. It did not lie in his mouth today to seek to rely on that absence of expert evidence. ie of the cases cited Lord Brandon, nor on the facts of Barder itself, had the party applying for relief had the opportunity to avoid the false

assumption.

The judge had been entirely right to hold that the case did not come within the first condition in Barder and to refuse to give leave for reconsideration of the registrar's December 1987 order.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE agreeing, said that it was important to emphasize that, before the registrar, the husband, while stating his belief as to the value of the house at the time, had not called expert evidence to support that belief.

Having omitted to call such evidence and thus to take the only step which could have questioned the valuation, the husband could not afterwards say that the valuation had been validated by a sale with planning permission at £110,000, being a price of the order which he himself had

Solicitors: Hallewell Bunyard, Highbury: Spencer Gibson & Son, Sutton.

y were satisfied a lurking doubt as to the safety was the thief of the conviction. M25 contrary to regulation 12. vehicle con LORD JUSTICE MANN motor car. Register of MP's interests not parliamentary proceedings

Rost v Edwards and Others Before Mr Justice Popplewell [Judgment February 1] The Register of Members' Interests (HC 115), published by resolution of the House of Commons, did not fall within

the definition of "proceedings in Mr Justice Popplewell so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in ruling that it was open to the plaintiff, Mr Peter Rost, MP (Erewash, C) to give evidence as to the criteria for registration of members' interests, the nature of his consultancies and the reason why he had not regreason why he had not reg-istered his interests in certain organizations, in his libel action against Mr Robert Edwards, a journalist. Mr Peter Preston, Editor of *The Guardian* and Guardian Newspapers Ltd.

Mr Richard Hartley, QC and Mr Andrew Caldecott for the plaintiff, Mr Desmond Browne for defendants: Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC. Solicitor General and Mr Philip Havers as amucii

MR JUSTICE POPPLE-WELL said that the plaintiff was claiming damages for a libel which arose out of an article published by *The Guardian* on December 15, 1988.

At the time the plaintiff was a Member of Parliament and a member of the House of Commons Select Committee on Energy. He was a consultant to two organizations connected with

The article was alleged to mean that the plaintiff was improperly seeking to sell privileged and confidential information obtained by him as a

member of the Select Com-mittee on Energy to Danish district heating companies for substantial personal gain and was thereby guilty of a gross breach of parliamentary privi-lese and of confidence lege and of confidence.

The defendants denied that the article was capable of having that meaning. Additionally the defendants pleaded that the article was true in substance and in fact and alleged that the meaning to be attached to the article was that the plaintiff's conduct in seeking to capitalize financially on his expertise, experience and influence gained as a MP and as a member of the select committee gave rise to a legitimate cause for concern about the role of paid par-liamentary lobbyists.

As part of the particulars of their justification the defen-dants said that MPs were obliged to provide to the Reg-ister of Members' Interests, information concerning any pecuniary interest or other ma-terial benefit received which might be thought to affect their nduct as a MP or influence their actions, speeches or votes. Among the classes of pecuniary interests and material benefits required to be disclosed

were remunerative employ-The defendants contended that the plaintiff's par-liamentary consultancies to Grafton interaction and the Major Energy Users Council were of a nature which might be thought to affect his conduct as a MP and/or influence his actions, speeches or votes; and that he should have disclosed those consultancies to the Register.

It became clear after the

initial submissions of counsel that the question of par-liamentary privilege might be involved and the case was adjourned so the court could ask for the assistance of the Attorney General in resolving the conflict between the privileges of Parliament and the rights of parties freely to present their

case in court. The court thus had the advantage of submissions by the Solicitor General as well as argument for the two protagonists in the litigation. On the question of the Mem-

bers' Register of Interests the parties to the litigation were substantially in agreement and took a view contrary to the submission made by the Solician tor General. Mr Hartley's intention was to explain to the jury, through his client and from extracts from Erskine May, Parliamentary Practice what the Register of Members' Interests was, what were the criticia for registration

was required to disclose and Those, Mr Hartley submitted, were mere questions of fact which did not involve impeach-ing the proceedings of the House or affect the dignity of the

and what therefore the plaintiff

Mr Browne submitted, interalia, that the obligation to register did not come within the phrase "proceedings in Parliament". The submission of the Solicitor General was that the Register of Members' Interests and the practice and procedure relat-ing thereto formed a part of the proceedings of Parliament and evidence thereof could not be

He observed that the House

had set up its own select committee to adjudicate on whether members had fulfilled their obligations in regard to registration.

He accepted that the Register

was a public document which could be scrutinised by the Press but submitted that did not of tself mean that it was outside the definition. He accepted that the Register could properly be commented on by the Press but that it was not for the courts to adjudicate

on a matter for the Committee Mr Browne drew attention to the various authorities and said that "proceedings" governed that "proceedings" governed what was said or done in the House by a MP in relation to the exercise of his function as a member of the House or one its committees in its transaction of parliamentary business. He invited the court to draw a

something which was ancillary to and not an incident of parliamentary proceedings as The Solicitor General observed that the expression "proceedings in Parliament" had not yet been defined either by statute or by case law.

distinction between that and

However, he submitted that it embraced the various forms of business in which either House took action and the whole process by which either House reached a decision in particular debate, things said or done by an MP in the exercise of his function as a Member in a committee of either House and everything said or done in either House in the transaction of His Lordship's approach was

There were clearly cases

where Parliament was to be the sole judge of its affairs. Equally there were clear cases where the courts were to have exclusive In a case which might be described as a grey area, a court, while giving full attention to the

necessity for comity between the courts and Parliament, should not be astute to find a reason for ousting the jurisdiction of the court and for limiting or even defeating a proper claim by a party to litigation before it. If Parliament wished to cover a particular area with privilege it had the ability to do so by passing an Act of Parliament giving itself the right to exclu-

sive jurisdiction. Ousting the jurisdiction of the court had always been regarded as requiring the clearest possible words. Nothing in the authorities in any way covered the instant situation.

It was true that courts had over the years enlarged the definition of "proceedings" from the formal speeches in the

House to other matters. But there were plently of areas which were not covered by "proceed-It was clearly not possible to arrive at an exhaustive defi-nition. In the result, his Lordship concluded that claims of privilege in respect of the Reg-ister of Members' Interests did not fail within the definition of "proceedings in Parliament" and accordingly it was open to the plaintiff to give the evidence that he sought to do in relation to the registration of members interests and it was open to the defendants to challenge that

evidence. Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck Partners: Lovell White Durrant; Treasury Solicitor.

Two-year limit for director ban (b) that his conduct as a director

Official Receiver v Nixon Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice McCowan [Judgment February 5]

Where the appointment of an administrative receiver was followed shortly by the liquidation of a company, an application under section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 for the making of a disqualification order against a director of the company was time barred by section 7(2) of the Act as the application was made more than two years after the appointment of the administrative receiver.

it was immaterial that the application was made less than two years after the date of the liquidation as time ran from the first of the events specified in section 6(2) which occurred in a particular case.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the Official Receiver from the dismissal on May 10, 1989 by Mr Justice Peter Gibson of an appeal by the Official Receiver from Mr Registrar Buckley who had held that an application for a disqualification order against Mr David Henry Nixon, FCA, a director of Tasbian Ltd. had been made out of time.

The court also dismissed an appeal by the Official Receive brought direct from the

Section 6 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) The court shall make a disqualification order against a person in any case where, on an application under this section, it is satisfied - (a) that he is or has been a director

of a company which has at any

time become insolvent . . . and

... makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company.
"(2) For the purposes of this

becomes insolvent if — (a) the company goes into liquidation at a time when its assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts and other liabilities and the expenses of the winding. the expenses of the winding up, (b) an administration order is made in relation to the company, or (c) an administrative receiver of the company is appointed. . "

By section 7: "(2) Except with the leave of the court, an application for the making under [section 6] of a disqualification order against any person shall not be made after the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which the company of which that person is or has been a director become director became insolvent."

Mr Arthur Charles for the Official Receiver, Mr Edward Bannister for Mr Nixon.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that an administrative re-ceiver was appointed on September 24, 1986. A com-pulsory winding-up order was made on November 10, 1986. The application for a dis-qualification order was qualification order was made on November 8, 1988.

it application was out of time, having been made more than two years after the first date, even though it was made less than two years from the second His Lordship could see the

force of arguments that if after a

The short point was whether

then (perhaps years later) be-came insolvent again, a fresh two-year period should commence, under section 7(2). However, in the present case the appointment of the administrative receiver was speedily followed by the company being put into liquidation, and there

was no basis for suggesting realistically that the company was solvent between the two Parliament could have framed the Act so as to make it clear that time ran from any of the events mentioned in section 6(2). But it was plain from the use of the words "has ... become insolvent" and "be-

came insolvent" that it ran from

the first such event to occur in a particular case. Although, as was indicated by section 7(1), the object of providing for disqualification orders was to protect the public, a section 6(1) application was a burden on the person sought to be disqualified, and the position of the Official Receiver was

protected by the proviso at the beginning of section 7(2). LORD JUSTICE WOOLF. concurring, said that the section 7(2) limit applied to a particular episode of insolvency. If after regaining health a company became insolvent again, a fur-ther two-year period would

LORD McCOWAN, also concurring said that the decisive point was that section 7(2) referred to the day on which the company became insolvent, pot

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Feherty is growing up again after his lapse into juvenility

Golf Correspondent Melbourne

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The rehabilitation of David Feberty continued here yes-terday when, with a first round of 68, he moved into contention for the Australian Masters on the Huntingdale

Michael Clayton, an Austrahan whose one success on the PGA European Tour was in the Timex Open in 1984. showed a clean pair of heels to his rivals with a 64, which equalled the course record established in 1985 by Bernhard Langer.

Feherty was delighted to emulate Nick Faldo, who also took 68, in not dropping a shot to par. "It is only 15 months or so ago that I was wondering why I was tormenting myself by carrying on," Feherty said.

What annoyed Feherty was his own failings in terms of attitude as he slipped into a decline after victories in 1986 in the Italian Open and the Bell's Scottish Open. "Sometimes grown men can become juveniles and that is what I was like on the golf course," Feherty said. "I would be my own worst enemy by forever criticizing myself. Now I don't expect anything from myself except for my attitude to

Feherty has prospered by working with Bob Torrance, although, like Faldo with David Leadbetter, he was required to examine his pa-tience on the practice range here in oppressive conditions

Payne Stewart, wearing his thickest plus-fours and his heaviest tartan pullover as

protection against the bitter wind, was among the most

fashionable of the competitors when the \$900,000 San Diego Open got under way on the two public courses, the North and the South, at Torrey Pines here

Every other winter weather device used by British golfers from Aberdeen to Cornwall were in evidence; woollen hats

by striking the ball well from Card of course tee to green. He missed only one green in regulation, the 2nd, where he holed from 14 feet to salvage his par. Faldo likewise made few errors, which impressed Mitchell Spearman, who has travelled here as second in command to Leadbetter to monitor the in 3,462 36 swing of the Master golfer. "David would have been proud of the way he hit the ball," Spearman said.

"I spent hours, no, months, no, years — 2½ years in all—lenged Clayton, whose nine working with Bob before it all birdies came in the last 14 started to fit into place," boles, for the lead if it had not been for missing five putts of learn how to hit the ball correctly. Then last July in the Ulster Open in Lisburn I shot 28 under par and I won. It wasn't a tour event but it was

Since then Feherty has finished fourth in the Bell's
Scottish Open, sixth in the
Open Championship, only
four strokes adrift of Mark Calcavecchia, and won the BMW International Open at Munich. He finished a bestever tenth in the Volvo Order of Merit with winnings of 18th for a 75. His hopes of

Feberty arrived here from South Africa, where last week seven after leaving one shot in he was runner-up to the American, Jim Daly, in the Charity Classic event in Johannesburg, "I should have won," Feherty said. "I took three putts at the last and he holed from 20 feet."

Players' hopes under wraps

ago, won on windy Pebble Beach, would also have been

worth a bet had he not been suffering from a sore neck.

Mark Calcavecchia, the Open

champion, and several other leading players who opted to rest this week, must have been congratulating themselves on their timing as a band of Arctic

weather swept over southern California. Tom Watson, a for-paer winner here, withdrew for unspecified personal reasons.

the final 36 holes on Saturday

From John Ballantine, San Diego

Whale of a

task for Male

By Sally Jones

Today and on Sunday, at Manchester and London (Queen's Club) respectively, the first-ever Lacoste world rackets doubles championship will be played over two legs as a head-to-head between the top sunsteur pairing of the world champion, James Male, and John Presun, and the United States open doubles champions, Neil Smith, of Queen's, and Shannon Hazell, from Clifton, who are professionals.

It will be Male's first his test rofessionals. It will be Male's first big test

It will be Male's first big test since making his comeback after an eight-mouth lay-off during which he concentrated with spectacular success on real tennis, reaching the final of the French Open in his first full season of serious competition and taking the world No. 1, the exuberant Australian, Lachie Deuchaz, to a thrilling five-setter before losing 6-5 in the final set.

Faldo would have chal-

less than eight feet for birdies.

In contrast, Clayton holed out with astonishing ease.

"I've changed my putting grip by studying Seve Balles-

teros," Clayton said. "I stand

ing champion, began with a 68, although alongside him Russell Claydon, runner-up last year, was required to hole

from 30 feet for a birdie at the

another glorious start evaporated at the 4th, where he took

a bunker and clipping his next

a Dunker and Cupping his next
30 yards over the green.
LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES
(Australian unless stated): 64: M Clayton.
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Ecob., M Bradley. 68: K Dutes, B
Andrews, G Joyner, G Norman, D Feherty
(38), N Faldo (38), 88: C Stringe (US), R
Picker, L. Stephen, P Fowler, F Noblo
(N2), P O'Natley, S Bann, R Gilbey, R
Davis, Other scores included: 75: R
Clayton (38), S Dodd" (38).
* Denotes ametate.

two of the area winners this year, Robert Gamez and Tommy Armour, may make serious challenges and show that their initial victories were not flukes

meanwhile, between city and Tour officials about building a new players' "stadium" course, to which this event would move

in three or four years' time.

There are now 21 Tour-

nament Players Championship ourses in 12 states and the concept of better viewing for spectators from high mounds

uilt around the turns and

finishes has proved successful in increasing the number of people setter better towng u-o m amfinal set.

A victory in the world rackets doubles will be yet another step on the read to his ambition of winning the rackets and real tensis world singles championships, a feat last achieved by the brilliant Howard Angus.

Of all the contenders, he has lov far the most distinguished

Of all the contenders, he has by far the most distinguished pedigree, excelling at virtually every ball game he has taken up. He is arguably the greatest racket-sports playyer of his generation. Most aportunen must dread Male taking up their favorate game as he becomes so good so quickly.

As a richly talented youngster growing up in a close-knit tenuis-playing family at Harpenden in Hertfordshire, he was almost spofit for choice, since

person in increasure, se was almost spoilt for choice, since games came so easily to him; and he potsessed a familical will to win which first showed itself

in ferocious tantrums and racket-throwing.

The latter became so prosounced that a Siszenger represounced that a Siszenger scholarships from several American universities, a tempta-tion he only resisted after his

towards a City career.

During his time at Radley College, he became the classic all-rounder, playing in his school first team at ragby, cricket, squash, tennia, rackets and hockey, in which he also played for Oxfordshire and for Southgate.

Under the tuition of the Radley professional, Mick Denn, rackets really captured Male's imagination and he won most of the big national schools titles, already booking a poten-tial world champion. He also tried real tennis on the Merton College court at Oxford with Dean, an outstanding doubles player, and his fellow-Radleian, Julian Snow, now the world's

At this stage, real tennis was only an occasional pastime for Male and when he left school he trained hard for rackets during a succession of City jobs, first as a trainee insurance broker and

RUGBY LEAGUE

Russians

start on

firm rock

By Keith Macklin

The most remarkable aspect of

the newly announced formation of the Soviet Union Rugby League was the fact that, in the best traditions of cloak-and-dagger diplomacy, the discussions were

ing particularly as there was considerable interplay and

movement between Moscow and league officials in Leeds and

bluff and secrecy that proved to be in the best interests of the

game. Premature release of the story might have caused a breakdown of negotiations at a

sensitive stage. As it is, the Soviet Union Rugby League was firmly established with its 11 teams before the announcement

was made, and this latest pioneering scheme in an un-

expected outpost stands an ex-

cellent chance of succeeding

where other ventures in Italy

and South Africa have

The news has been greeted with enthusiasm and admira-

me so morthodex, who got seid. "In the linal he was pretty nervous because he didn't know where the ball was coming from. Backets is such a fast game, it gives you a very quick eye, so, playing real teams, you have far more time. I hit the ball double-handed both sides, too, which I

think gives me a lot more power and control."

As Male leapt three feet in the air to crash down an extraor-dinary double-fisted backhand

champion, believes his fast preparation is a key to his success. "He has a very short back-swing but he can punch his strokes with enormous power found it very off-putting to play double-handed and conceal

"My main aim," he said, "is to reach my full potential because it always saddens me to see people not using their talents to the full. I suppose I have sacrificed quite a lot in my personal life for this — but I only ever play games to win and it still hurts me to lose. If I do, I

rised caution and steered him Power at the double: Male ascribes his success to his wildly unorthodox, ambidextrous style

then as a stockirroker. He works for Warburg Securities under Garth Milne, a former rackets champion, who has more sympathy with the demands of top-class training and competition than most besses, but still insists that all work missed is work with the statement of the statemen

sndor for the firm and for his sport, his boyish charm making him the personification of the handsome, clean-limbed amathe pages of Boy's Own Pages.

Despite the sensation he caused at the French Open, nearly winning at the game in which, purists contend, it takes 10 years to make a player, Male takes a level-headed attitude to takes a level-head his success and ascribes it partly to his wildly merthodox, ambi-

dextrous style.
"I think Lachle and the others

sh for a clean winner from a shot most players could scarcely bave touched. I saw that control amply

Presn, a former world rackets

where they're going until the insant he hits the ball. He's also extremely dedicated and an excellent competitor."

In his spare time, Male follows a punishing routine of on-court practice, running, working on an exercise bike and "shadowing" on the squash court to improve his already legendary fitness and speed of foot.

simply go out and work a bit barder."

The established stars of the real tennis circuit have been

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Squad changes anticipated

laying on the first goal for Bancroft, of Kidderminster Har-

riers, then scoring the second himself. But the game probably

raised more questions than it answered. Bancroft's goal was the FA side's only shot of the first half against decidedly

mediocre opponents, and the forward later went off with a

The final England squad of non-League players for the semi-professional international gainst Italy on February 25 may bear little relation to the may bear mine regards to the squad of 16 announced this week. About half the players are still involved in the FA Trophy, the third round of which will be played the day before, and will be withdrawn if their teams require them for veolescent into cussions and decisions were kept secret for nearly a year.

Normally, the fact that serious negotiations were taking place between Britain and the Soviet Union at a sporting level would have leaked out at some stage, with media men getting some wind of what was happening, particularly as these was

be withdrawn if their teams require them for replays; injuries and suspensions are also likely to take their toll.

Tony Jennings, the England manager, has a shadow squad of a dozen players he intends to put on stand-by on the Saturday—the team files out on Sunday morning—should they be required. "I fear the squad we take out will be very different to that which we named this that which we named this week, he said.

week, "he said.

Jennings is resigned to losing
Ashford, the Redbridge Forest
midfield player, to suspension
following his dismissal on Saturday. Ashford may also miss
the international against Wales
in March

in March.
England's opportunities for forward planning were scarcely enhanced by Wednesday night's trial match. A Football Associng several

facial injury. Grainger, the Telford United midfield player, was outstanding until his dis-missal in the second half for a foul which led to Tatham, the students' defender, being carried off on a stretcher. Cooke, the Kettering Town and former Millwall forward, adds some experience to the squad as the leading GM Vauxhall Conference scorer this season. Furlong, of Enfield, is

called to the squad for the first time, as is Skivington, the Barrow defender. If he is free, Jennings intimated that Skivington would play, making him the first player from his club to win international honours.

RUGBY LEAGUE

British Coal Under-21 inter-

(Doncester). Sealom lager alliance cup:

Second round: Bradford Northern v Leeds, Hull KR v Ryedale-York.

ICE HOCKEY HENEIGEN LEAGUE: Premier division (8.0): Durham Weaps v Nottingham

OTHER SPORT

SNOCKER: Senetor Windows Welst chempionships (Newport Centra). ATHLETICS: Omron Games (RAF Cos-

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First leg: J Male and J Prenn v N Smit and S Hezell (Selford, 12.0).

ENGLAND SCUAR: A Pape (Enfield), J McKesne (Boston United); P Standin (Boston United), D Housell (Errisoto, P Watts (Redbridge Forest), P Gridelet (Bernet), P Bascoet (Kidderminster Harri-ers), G Sichington (Barrow), S Brooks (Chellanham Town), G Simpson (A-trincham), A Joseph (Kidderminster Harri-ers), P Rogess (Station United), P Perfora (Enfield), M Carier (Runcorn), N Ashiford (Redbridge Forest), R Cooks (Kettering Town). westerned by windmawais at the last minute, then proceeded to play a scrappy game against a British colleges and polytechnics side at VS Rugby.

The FA side wou 2-0, with Clarke, the Barnet forward,

Six goals scored in the space

of 24 minutes returned Darling-ton to the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference at the Feethams on Tuesday. Cork, the former Arsenal forward who joined Darlington from Scunthorpe in the summer, scored four times. The side moves two points clear of Barnet Steve Powell, who made 365 appearances for Derby County,

is to become player-manager of Burton Albion, of the Beazer Homes League.

Stafford Rangers have announced provisional plans to sell their ground at Marston

Road in favour of a purpose built stadium close to the town

BOS LORD TROPHY: Third round draw, Runcorn or Kiddeminster Harriers v Darlwigtor, Tellord United or Abrinchern v Nordswich Victorie, Boetsn United v Wycombe Wanderers, Yeovil Town v Remoters

TABLE TENNIS

his faith in experience

In the men's event, Englan

BOXING Stretch in line for world title challenge

By Bryan Stiles

An all-British world title bout is An all-smigh worth the both is in prospect following the ease with which Gary Stretch, the elegant British light-middle-weight champion, took the World Boxing Council (WBC) International grown at the

night.

He will meet his stable mate Chris Pyatt, in a full world championship bout this au-tumn, if Frank Warren, their joint manager and promoter,

has his way. Stretch, who did not encounter too much trouble in deflecting the bull-like charges of the Argentinian, Ramon Alegre, to take the vacant Inter-national title, will be fed a diet of tough American opponents to prepare him for the task.

Pyart is ranked No. 2 in the WBC ratings and Warren is hoping that the Leicester boxer before the autumn, opening the way for a challenge from Stretch. If this does not materialize Stretch could find himself challenging for either the World Boxing Association or Inter-national Boxing Federation championships by the autumn. Stretch's performance on

Wednesday was not without its critics, bowever. Jimmy Tibbs, his experienced trainer, got cross with him for losing concentration and at times allowing himself to be dragged down to Alexan level of section. down to Alegre's level of crudity before the contest was stopped at the end of the sixth round.

Alegre does not deserve any more than the 25th place he has been allotted in the rankings. He sported the inelegance of the low-life bar room brawler, using his face like a battering ram to try to knock the stuffing out of Stretch's gloves. To his credit he was courageous and ever-willing, but he swing haymakers from behind the saloon bar that rarely found their target.
His trouble was that he often

had too much courage for his own safety and the referee, Arthur Mercante, of the United States, rightly denied him the indignity of being knocked out by calling off the bout as Alegre sat, panting on his stool after the sixth round.

Alegre had no hope of win-ning, having surrendered all six rounds by a wide margin. He was getting caught regularly and ing took its toll.

He also lost his gum shield

twice and under a new WBC rule the referee had to stop the bout while it was replaced. It enabled the Argentinian to re-Stretch barrage in the fourth round and clearly is a rule that is open to abuse, although it seemed involuntary in Alegre's

The encounter did, however prove that Stretch has learned how to handle the rough stuff opponents in a brawl,

Change of emphasis for Reefer

By Srikumar Sen **Boxing Correspondent**

The failure of Mark Reefer in his super-featherweight European title bout against Daniel Londas, of France, at Brentwood on Wednesday evening could cause the Bethnal Green boxer to give up his Commonwealth title and go back to being

a lightweight.

After being prevented from coming out for the eighth round because of two bad cuts beside his eyes, Reefer said he would try his luck in the heavier division. Perhaps he believes he division. Perhans he believes he will fare better at a more comfortable weight.

"It looks as though I am going to have to give up my Commonwealth title as I am going back to lightweight," be said. "Making 9st 4lb is proving too much for me. Not that I want to make that an excuse. Londas is the best fighter I have met."

The decision was made with-out consulting his manager, Barry Hearn, who has plans for his title defence in May. Clearly, the two have some talking to do. Reefer must realize that this

comprehensive defeat against a 36-year-old veteran, who had already failed in a world title bout, leaves him very little hope of progressing in the super-featherweight division. The lightweights are even harder men than Londas but if Reefer is unhappy at the weight there seems no other way out.

Reefer believes that if Londas can box so well at 36 he too has

time to succeed; he is only 25. He has overlooked the fact, however, that Londas, from Martinique, was always a very good boxer and technically far superior than Reefer, as he showed at Brentwood. Even Hearn had to say, "Londas is a

Johnny Nelson, the Sheffield cruiserweight who in his world title bout against Carlos DeLeon, of Puerto Rico, three weeks ago, gave an exhibition of boxing's equivalent of synchronized swimming, was also back in action at Brentwood.

This time he landed more punches in the first round than he did in the 12 rounds of his world title bout but he was not able to put away Dino Homesy, an inoffensive and inept Ameri can, until the seventh mund.

Homesy had given Nelson a Valentine card at the weigh-in and had told him that he would not hit him if Nelson did likewise. Just before the bout Homesy came into the ring dressed as a butler and presented Nelson with two red roses. For this kindness he received a clout across the earhole with the first blow of the bout that sent him to the floor. Thereafter poor Dino was

hounded round the ring and

crammed down over the ears, longiohus and even fleecy pyja-mas worn inder several sweaters and rain suits, ski gloves and mittens, taken off only between Each of the 158 professionals and two local amateurs have to play the 6,659-yard North course and then the longer South before 70 qualifiers play "The trick in winning here is to shoot a really low score on the easier, shorter North," Fred

MOTOR RACING Lotus rise to the challenge

The Camel Lotus team's new car for the 1990 Formula One season was unveiled at the team's headquarters in Norfolk yesterday and will take part in its first circuit tests in Estoril, The Formula One Lotus has also been alimmed down in an attempt to get it to the start line as close as possible to the minimum permissible weight limit, this despite the heavier The Lotus-Lamborghini 102 is a logical development of the type 101 Judd-powered car raced last season. The main engine and the larger radiators which have had to be incorporated into the cooling system. Frank Dernie, the engineering changes have centred on installing and cooling the more power-ful and longer V12 engine and providing more cockpit room for the team's new drivers,

Derek Warwick and Martin weight having been saved by borrowing the manufacturer's monlds and building him a special helmet The smaller cross-section of

Couples, whose great power and Sunday for prize-money put made him one of the pretournament favourites, said. Hutton. The first prize is
Mark O'Meara, who, a fortnight \$162,000 (about £108,000) and

the V12 engine, compared with the V8, means that the monocoque is slimmer behind the driver, enabling the rear wing to operate more efficiently, and the crease in wheel base has been director, set a target for a five per cent reduction in weight of all components which proved trouble free last year. Even Warwick's helmet has not eskept down to approximately two inches by shortening the dis-tance between the engine and the new Louis-designed six-speed transverse gearbox.

France emerging as a world force

From Sydney Friskin Lahore

director.

Portugal, next week.

The Australia coach, Frank nerous with his complime described France as a world force in hockey, and their 2-1 defeat yesterday of India added weight to his assessment at the end of the fourth day's play in World Cup tournament

France had previously made only one appearance in the World Cup series, the inaugural event in 1971 at Barcelona where, oddly enough, they finwhere, county enough, they have ished in seventh place above Australia, winners of the trophy for the first time at the 1986 tournament in London.

There have been 23 meetings n France and India and India have won on 18

As they had done against Argentina, India made 2

The Territorial women's under-18 tournament starts at Bodmin today with the winners and Blackpool, North and South respectively, both having four players left from 1989 (Joyce Whitehead writes). The South also include Tracey Hooker, of Buckinghamshire, and the cap-tain, Sarah Lawful, of Oxford-shire, who were substitutes last

The East side comes from three counties, Essex, Hertfordshire and Kent, with Lisa King, of Norfolk. Five of the eight Western counties are repre-sented and West Midlands South (Birmingham and Soli-hall) provide four of the Midplayers in a squad

promising start by taking the lead against France in the twelfth minute. Jaghir Singh, running fast down the right flank put a perfect centre across the face of the goal and Thoiba Singh had no difficulty placing the ball beyond the reach of the

In the 23rd minute, however. Pargat Singh obstructed Delayenne inside the circle to concede a penalty stroke and Catonnet converted to level the

Midway in the second half India were awarded a penalty stroke that was disputed by several French players, who surrounded the Japanese um-pire, Iwajo Sakaida. However, the French goalkeeper, Florin, made a splendid save from Ajit Lakra with his disengaged hand. France, happily reprieved, came into the match with a serious threat towards the end, and in the 66th minute ne, working hard on the right of the field, set up a chance of Viala to win the match for

Juniors Bodmin bound

represented by nine of the 11 areas. The tournament ends on Sunday and will be followed by the announcement of the Engners-up from last year in land under-18 trialists. Essex, Surrey, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Gioncestershire and Yorkshire, the champions, compete in the national indoor county championship at Washington on Sunday.

Lancashire in the North championship this season while Gloucestershire include a number of the Cheltenham players who took part in the clubs indoor championship at Crystal Palace last weekend. Surrey are led by Denise Alford and Essex field the experienced Lyn

Mountains attract best riders

By a Special Correspondent day when he returned to Britain and won the Falcon Trophy

be held in 10 different European countries.

Steve Douce, Barrie Clarke, Glen and Gary Coltman, and Rob Dane, all past nationa champions on road, track or in cyclo-cross, are all likely to be missing from much of the professional road scene this year

Control of the sport and pastime is minimal, with a ing to be in charge. There is no apparent difference between professionals and amateurs, tion of the power bases.

The BCF has encouraged the

formation of a unified organization with an input from the six bodies that have some sort of The only thing everybody is

CYCLO-CROSS

David Baker, the Peugeot Cy-cles professional, is resting for three weeks at home in Sheffield after a winter season based in Switzerland. It ended last Sun-

final event and series. After a short break, he will resume full training for the fast-growing mountain bike season, in which most of the leading events have a first prize o £1,000, substantially more than in cyclo-cross and road racing. His main objectives will be the world championship, to be held in Colorado in September, and the Grundig world cup series, to

number of organizations claim which displeases traditional organizations such as the Pro-fessional Cycling Association and the British Cycling Federation (BCF) which fear diminu

involvement. But mountain pikers tend to be a new breed with new ideas and little rev-erence for traditions. agreed upon so far is that the term should be mountain bike rather than all-terrain bike. It is

TODAY'S FIXTURES 7.30 unless stated FOOTBALL

tion, but also with some reserve and even mild scenticism. After the failures in Italy and South Africa, and the continuing strug-gles in the United States to make even minimal impact, rugby league supporters have the salt cellar handy when information is released about ambitious and far-ranging expansion. Nevertheless, the Russian development seems to be on a firm

on and admira

from big population centres such as Moscow, Leningrad, Riga and Rostov, and the dogged determination of the Soviet people, whenever they undertake a venture, is a well-known part of that country's armoury. The teams also have a firm infrastructure of a solidly developing rugby union code.

The International Board will surely have little hesitation in ratifying the admission of the 13-a-side game in the Soviet

Union when members meet at

Anckland in July.

The 11 founder teams come

Barclays League Fourth division Southend v Scunthorpe (7.45) . Stockport v Doncester

Norwich v Farancyaros RUGBY UNION

UNIVERSITY MATCH: England v Wales (Richmond, 2-30). CLUB MATCHES: Askeens v Tredegar; Bath v Gloucester (7.15); Coventry v Northampton (7.15); Kelso v Tynedale (7.0); Moseley v Leicester; Wasps v Nesth.

Action from America.

POOTBALL: Screensport: 10.0-11.45mm.

United States v Colombia in the Mariboro

Cup. Screensport: 3.0-5.0pm and 10.30
10.30-0.30m. Unspusy v Costs Rice in the Mariboro Cup. Eurosport: 1.0-2.0pm. Indoor championship from Portugal.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport: 7.50-8.30pm. Houen v Granoble. ICE SPEEDWAY: Screensport: 6.0-7.0pm and 9.30-10.30pm. World championship semi-finels from Finland.

BASKETBALL: Eurosport: 7.30-9.0pm. A review of the season's action in Europe. BOXING: Screensport: 11.45cm-1.15pm. Action from America.

SPORT ON TV 10.0mm. IMSA 24 hours of Destone RALLYING: BBC2-4.0-4.30pm. The Mobils Challenge, round five. SKIRKE: Screensport: 7.0-7.30pm, US professional tour from Mount Bachelor, Eurosport: 9.0-10.0pm, Ford Report. SPEEDSKATING: Eurosport: 4.0-5.0pm The women's world championships from

Ceigery.
SPORT ON FREDAY: BEC2: 220-4.0pm
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Cup. Replay Union: Preview of th
Internationals.

Parker puts

Donald Parker, the England team captain, has selected his strongest squad for the seven-teenth European champion ships, to be held in Gothenburg

will be looking to better their finish two years ago, when they were beaten by Sweden in the final and took the silver medal Parker has selected the four leading England players — Alan Cooke, Carl Prean, Desmond Douglas and Skylet Andrew.

The women's team, captained by Jill Hammersley-Parker, the former European champion, is made up of Alison Gordon, Lisa made up of Alison Gordon, Lisa Lomas, Fiona Elliot and Andres Holt. The team events will be played from April 8 to 11 with running from April 13 to 16.

Don Valentino set to tackle See You Then

which have been gained in the

Unlike Mrs Pitman, David

Don Valentino, an expensive intended runner failure at Newbury last weekend, may attempt to redeem sive for Mrs Pitman's followhis reputation against See You ers as, apart from Don Then in the City Trial Hurdle Valentino, Toby Tobias also at Nottingham tomorrow.
"He'll have a pipe-opener,"

man's assistant, at Sandown when upsides Barnbrook Park yesterday, "and if all goes Again in the Compton Chase well he'll run at Nottingham "We might send him to provided the ground isn't too Wincanton next Thursday," bad. He gets 21lb from See Stait continued, "but it's still You Then, so we've got to possible that he'll go for the have a go on these terms if he's Cheltenham Gold Cup withto have any chance in the out another run." Champion Hurdle."

Heavily backed from 25-1 temporary lapses for the to near favouritism for the woman in form. Tartan Trix Tote Gold Trophy, the five- landed the Fairmile Novices' year-old could finish only Handicap Chase in good style fourteenth to Deep Sensation and, coupled with the wins of at Newbury, but would have Midnight Train and Georgic finished in the first six but for at Leicester, took her to the 58 stumbling badly after the sec- mark for the season, 21 of ond hurdle from home.

See You Then, the triple past 29 days. champion hurdler, will be making his comeback after Elsworth's team has been in being absent from the track the doldrums recently with an since breaking down at attack of coughing. But signs Wincanton two years ago, of recovery were again evident Aldino, Oliver Sherwood's when Graham Bradley rode winner of Windsor's New an inspired finish on Year's Day Hurdle, is another Riverhead to beat Bitter Buck go well."

by a head in the Village Novices' Hurdle to give Last Saturday was expen-Whitsbury its fifth winner in the past week.

at Nottingham tomorrow.
"He'll have a pipe-opener," said David Stait, Jenny Pitthe seventh fence from home I'll send Riverhead to Chel-tenham," Elsworth said. "But he's certainly an intended runner in the Lincoln The six-year-old has 7st

10lb for the Doncaster race will be attempting to repeat Elsworth's 1983 victory with Mighty Fly. In the Londesborough Those defeats were only

Chase, backers plunged on Eastshaw, who started favour-ite at 5-2. But he hit the second last fence along the Railway straight and Brendan Powell drove Our Nobby, trained by Michael Madgwick, back into the lead at the second last and the pair held on to beat Missing Man by two lengths.

Despite the winner's price of 10-1, Our Nobby was strongly fancied by Madgwick.
"He ran very well first time
out at Wincanton," he said. "He's at the right end of the handicap and we thought he'd



The eventual winner Our Nobby (Brendan Powell) leads Southernair (Declan Murphy) in the Londesborough Handicap Chase at Sandown Park yesterday

CRICKET: BRIEF SPELL FROM WEST INDIES FAST BOWLER IS ENOUGH TO COMMAND RESPECT FROM TOURING TEAM

Little or no cheer

From John Woodcock

Mike Gatting's side meets South Africa today at Verwoerdburg, a suburb of Pretoria, in the first of four one-day internationals. Although abbreviated, this rethe visitors will be keen to win.

From all accounts, they have worked hard at their cricket, driven, I dare say, by qualm as well as scruple. But like other sides that have been here with more than the game of cricket on their minds, they have played with little conviction.

Dilley has hardly bowled, but then he seldom does. His total output so far amounts to 62 balls (two of them no-balls) and one innings with a runner. The pitch here at the Wanderers for last week's five-day game, which ended in three days, was evidently a disaster, and Foster's bowling was not much better. Having got to 96 for one on the

first day, the Englishmen were still bowled out for 156 and 128. And as though to underline the parlous state of English was being routed in Johannes-burg the official England side was losing to the Windward Islands in St Lucia, England A were being beaten by Kenya in Nairobi, and the England Under-19s were going down by an innings to their Australian

I have it on the best authority hat if Ladbrokes was running a book on today's match it would probably go 2-1 on a South African victory and 7-4 against Gatting. South Africa have an impressive record in one-day games since these unapproved tours began. Of the 32 such matches played (against Gooch's Breweries XI in 1982, then against a side from Sri Lanka, followed by two from West Indies and two from Australia), they have won 23. Of their nine defeats, six were by Lawrence Rowe's West India and three by Kim Hughes's

What sounds a little like internecine strife has deprived South Africa of the ubiquitous Kepler Wessels. Not that the reappearance of Clive Rice, in Wessels's place, will be of any comfort to the Englishmen. A wandering minstrel. Wessels seems to have been given only a fairly warm welcome on his return to the South African side Australian swagmen, and scor-ing a century in each innings for them against South Africa at Port Elizabeth in 1987.

Of these one-day games three, including today's, are day-night affairs, played in pyjamas (Gatting's side will wear red, white and blue, a detail to make any who may already be apoplectic even more so) with a white ball, each side to receive 55 overs. The broken finger rithout which no tour is complete belongs to Robinson. Gatting could be one of several English players to re-main in South Africa to play for a Transvaal XI against a South African XI on March 7 as part of

the Transvzal Cricket Union's centenary celebrations. CEUTEBRATY CRICOTALIONES.
SOUTH A FROCA (tromb): S J Cook (captein), H R Fotheringhern, M W Rushmern, P N Kinsten, R F Plentaer, D J Cullinar, C B Rice, A P Kulper, T R Madsen, T G Shaw, R P Snell, A A Donald, P S De Williers.

Bishop no pawn in a game for Gatting that brings fear to England

Cricket Correspondent Port of Spain

The Caribbean has been echoing with excited claims of a new fast bowling champion these past few weeks. On Wednesday, the young pretender announced himself and it was impossible to avoid the conviction that we were

witnessing something special. Ian Raphael Bishop is not exactly a stranger. He toured England with West Indies in 1988 and spent last summer with Derbyshire. All that, however, was part of the learning process. Bishop, aged 22, has now graduated and it is ominous news for the England

He had time for only five overs before the opening oneday international was washed away. It was time enough. As rain continued to fall on Port of Spain yesterday they were still talking of it and, as Bishop wandered around the hotel where both teams are based. there was a new respect in the

him. On the face of Michael Holding there was unmistakable pride. Holding knows better than most what it is to conduct the emotions of opposing batsmen with sheer, streamlined speed and he has long viewed Bishop, whom he personally introduced to Derbyshire, as his own worthy

successor. Now, he believes the cricket world is about to Holding, in his retirement,

SCOREBOARD FROM TRINIDAD

Entras (b 4, lb 5, nb 1, w 3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-49, 3-89, 4-100, 5-155, 6-162, 7-172, 8-180 BOW/LING: Small 10-1-41-2 (w 1); Fraser 10-1-37-2; Capel 6-25-1; Lewis 7-1-30-1 (nb 1, w 1); Hemmings 9-0-41-1; Gooch 8-0-26-1.

A J Stewart, A J Lamb, D J Capel, †R C Russell, CC Les Smell, E E Hemmings and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-9, BOWLING: Marshall 5-2-5-1 (nb4); Bishop 6-1-12-0; Walsh 1-0-1-0; Moseley 1-0-6-0.

Umoires: C Cumberbatch and D Archer

horse racing and Ian Bishop. frightening surface which so Those big eyes, which once undermined the last England mischievously when he talks

of his protegi "You only have to look at him," he said. "He has filled out in the shoulders, where it really matters - 6 feet 5 inches and 15 stone - that's a very strong boy and he looked quick on Wednesday on a very

slow pitch." Holding believes that the pitch for the first Test match, which begins next Saturday in his native Jamaica, will be is languidly genial company. comparably slow and far more Two subjects animate him: regular of bounce than the

regional first-class cricket here, heading the bowling averages and attaining local hero status in Trinidad, where they already regard Bishop as faster and better than Mal-

colm Marshall If that sounds a shade farfetched, it is worth relating a passage from Wednesday's play. Wayne Larkins had faced Bishop's two quickest deliveries, once failing even to get his bat down before the ball was in Jeffery Dujon's gloves, and there was a hint of desperation in the lunging drive from which he was caught at second slip after

"escaping" to Marshall's end. Graham Gooch survived the storm and was unbeaten when the rain came but, in that understated way of his which invariably needs decoding, he was plainly impressed

"He is genuinely quick," he said. "Lively all the time but likely to give you a couple of very quick balls in an over. He also gives you nothing to drive could intimidate and maniputouring side in 1986. But he and that is something our late a batsman, now light up adds, significantly: "Only a bowlers must learn from if we bowler with real pace will get are to compete over here.
anything out of it...someone "We bowled well on

Wednesday, maintaining a PAKE very tight line, but every time Ramiz Raja not out ... we pitched the ball up they hit if for four."

two tours, to England and Australia, before making his Test debut against India in Georgetown 11 months ago. Gooch was happy enough, however, with his team's That game, like so many in performance in the field and had some praise for Chris Guyana, was ruined by rain and it was in the next Test, at Lewis who, although he is the Bridgetown, Barbados, that he same age as Bishop and bas made his mark, taking a played substantially more wicket with his first ball and first-class cricket, is viewed with typical English reserve as He has taken 23 wickets at being wet behind the ears.

Pakistan set for world final

century to guide Pakistan to a comfortable six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in their World Series Cup match yesterday, Pakistan scored 198 for four

off 48.3 overs after dismissing Sri Lanka for 195 and virtually assured themselves of a place in the three-match final agains Australia beginning next week. Sri Lanka, who have won just one of their six World Series Cup games with two remaining. have only an outside mathemat-ical chance of qualifying ahead

Ramiz hit 116 from 150 balls Sri Lanka had looked to be heading for a score in excess of 200 when Ranatunga, who scored 42, and Gurusinha, who hit 59, put on 73 runs for the

But the Pakistan bowlers ripped through the middle order and tail to take the last six wickets for 44 runs.

BOWLING: Akram 9-2-23-1 (4w); Imran 10-0-28-1; Yourus 10-2-39-4 (3w 2mb); Aaqib 8.5-0-44-2 (2w); Ghauri 10-0-51-2.

PAKISTAN

Javed Mandad c de Silva Salim Malik run out †Saleem Yousuf not out ... Extras (b 1, b, 4 w 4) .. firmen Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqer Yourus, Asqib Javed and Nadsem Ghazri did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-53, 3-158, 4-BOWLING: Labrooy 9-0-41-1 (Ratnayaka 9 3-0-47-1 () Wijegunewardene 10-1-34-1; Ranata 10-0-37-0; E A R de Silva 10-0-34-0.

ended but has kept fit with weights and other exercises. Nicholas said they would be practising gently before Sunday's opening game but that the main priority would be to acclimatize. "Apart from myself and Pringle, we mostly have a really young team here, all of them potentially future Test cricketers. I think it will be important for us to prove that

important for us to prove that

English cricketers can succeed in five-day matches, after being shown up by Australia."

For Zimbabwe this English visit is a continuation of their

diligent efforts to acquire Test match status from the Inter-

national Cricket Council within the next five years. Practically

every year since independence in 1980 they have arranged two

reaches six figures, their persis-tence and dedication have been

ATHLETICS

England pair ask for dispensation

Diane Edwards and Matthew Yates, the England 800 metres runners who rose to the occasion at the Commonwealth Games, have requested special consideration for the European indoor championships, to be held at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow on March 2 and 4 gow, on March 3 and 4.

Edwards, who won gold in Auckland, and Yates, who took bronze, have decided against competing in the Omron Games at Cosford today and tomorrow but hope to be selected which are British team for Glasgow is named on Monday. Edwards, who has made her-self unavailable for the Dairy but hope to be selected when the

Crest Games between Britain and East Germany next Friday, has asked for a place in the 1,500 metres because she has been slow to return to speed work after arriving home from Auck-land. "An athlete does require a number of races before an 800 metres but that is not necessarily the case with the 1,500 and Diane is an endurance-based Norman Poole, her

coach, said. Should Edwards have her wish granted, she would face Doina Melinte, the Romanian who set a women's world indoor mile record last weekend. "Forshowed in Auckland," Poole over 1,500 metres. In the past two years she has beaten Chris-tina Cahill and Bev Nicholson [second and third at 1,500

netres in Auckland]."

yesterday before deciding whether to take the second place which has presumably been left for him behind Tom McKean in the 800 metres against East Germany. Or should that be first place ahead of McKean? Yates unexpectedly finished ahead of McKean in the Commonwealth Games final.

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SUMMATORIES II

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Only a handful of British medal winners from Auckland Linford Christie, who runs in the 60 metres, is the draw card, but of equal interest will be the performance of lan Hamer. The Welshman won a Common-wealth bronze medal, at 5,000 metres, before receiving his British debut. That will come announced yesterday, he will line up in the 3,000 metres against East Germany. He com-

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Steve Robins: aims to raise £5,000 to 10,000

Pupil's death inspires fund for oncology unit

By Michael Coleman

Nothing sharpens the apprecia-tion of physical good health more than sudden personal in-jury, even though this is the inevitable lot of active sports-men. But when death occurs, expecially to a young and close especially to a young and close colleague, the impact can be

Chancellor's School, a mixed comprehensive at Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Until 18 months ago he participated in all rec-reational activities and played footbail for the school at his level. He developed bone cancer and died last month, aged 15.
"It was about September in
1988 that we realized something was wrong." Stere Robins, head of physical education, said. "He was in and out of hospital but whenever he could get to school he did. A tremendom. he did. A tremendous boy, marvellous, if e still kept coming until last Christmas."

until last Christmas."

As deputy year head for Gavin's form, Robins and the boys' form teacher, Joycelin Hobman, were close witnesses of what was to be a losing battle. They made frequent trips to hospital to see him. "He had chemotherapy, radiotherapy, surgery, the lot." Robins said. "Gavin was a brave boy. At the same time he made us realize how lucky we all are."

Robins will be taking part in the London Marathon on April 22 as one of The Times/Unisys Fund runners. His target will be to collect through sponsorship

to collect through sponsorship between £5,000 and £16,000 to help set up an adolescent oncology unit at Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London, Headed by Professor Robert Souhami, of University College Hospital, where Gavin man. Hospital, where Gavin was a patient, it will be the only ward

THE SEE TIMES UNISYS Marathon Appeal

system which can decide the drugs each patient needs and it also plans to train staff else-where in the UK in the treatment

All the staff and 825 pupils at Chancellors are rallying behind their PE head, their enthusiasm increased by Gavin's sudden death. "We already have £1,500 pledged and one lad raised £800 on Wednesday themes a £800 on Wednesday themes a £800 on Wednesday themes.

pledged and one lad raised £800 on Wednesday through a tennis competition." Robins said.

This will be his second London Marathon. "I did three hours 26 minutes in 1985 after just recovering from a rugby injury." That effort gathered £1.506 for a school minibus. He was rejected last year.

The Times and Unisys hope that by featuring the efforts of our 12 fund runners we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of wish to support one or mo

them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to The Times, Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, Virginia Street, London Et 9XN. We will send on your denations

Gavin Maule was a pupil of of its kind in Britain.

Unisys is offering a Unisys personal computer to the hippest fund raiser of our 12 and a jeroboam and magnum of champagne respectively to the second and third largest.

Zimbabwe a test for young England bowled since the English season ended but has kept fit with

finishing with six for 87.

like Bishop."

Bishop was nursed through

From Richard Streeton

The tour to Zimbabwe by an England A side under Mark Nicholas during the next six weeks represents an important step forward for English cricket. It brings closer to reality the Test and County Cricket Board's ambition to create a tangible, development structure to monitor progress by players from early schooldays through

to the Test team.

Six of the touring party as it now stands, Atherton, Igglesden, Lawrence, Pringle, Stephenson and Whitaker, have already been judged worthy to be blooded at Test level. Lewis. an original inclusion, has been thought good enough to be summoned to the West Indies as a replacement. Most of the others have been knocking on the selectors' door; at least one, Thorpe, may be virtually un-known outside his own county but has rich gifts.

These young men, therefore, must be regarded as the England second XI. It will be dispiriting

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term implies in cricket. Altitude, glaring light, heat and humidity, will make cricket harder work than at home. (Ironically, though, the rainy season has come early this year, These young men, therefore, must be regarded as the England second XI. It will be dispiriting indeed if the majority do not show that they are capable of making a contribution to England's Test cricket in the next few years. Against possibly none too demanding opposition, they have every incentive to prove themselves, both as players and as good tourists, with all the Tour details

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Zimbabwe (fast one-day match, Harare).
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Harch 10-15: Zimbabwe (second unofficial Test, Bulawayo). March 10-15: Zimbabwe (first unofficial Test, Harare).
Harch 20-22: Zimbabwe (first unofficial Test, Harare).
Harch 24-23: Zimbabwe (third unofficial Test, Harare).

ensure that everyone gets the chance to show what they can do.
Nicholas, the captain, has already shown himself ideally suited to lead this sort of expedition when he led what was then designated a B team to Sri Lanka in 1985-86. That tour was the closest the English authorities have been able to arrange in recent years to this one in terms of giving potential Test men overseas experience. A year earlier, though, Nicholas brought an English Counties XI to this country, so he has the

advantage of knowing local conditions, a distinct plus mark on these occasions. At the captain's elbow as coach and adviser will be Keith Fletcher, the heir eventually perhaps to Micky Stewart's job. It is the first time since Fletcher was captain in India in 1981-82 that English cricket at the highest level has utilised the gifts of the man, who vies with Raymond Illingworth, as possessing the shrewdest cricket brain in the past decade.

arrived yesterday from Kenya after the dreadful stomach disorders which caused the one-day game due to be played in Nairobi on Wednesday to be cancelled. Shortly before leaving Kenya they had it confirmed

worst hit.

Even before this incident the heat and altitude in Nairobi had taken its toll with gastric problems, but Nicholas said he thought that most people were now on the mend. Lawrence, who had not been asked to be on standby. arrived as Lewic's

The English party were under-standably subdued when they that the eight who fell seriously ill after a Chinese meal on Monday had suffered salmonella poisoning. Rhodes, who spent 24 hours in hospital on a drip, and leglesden were the worst hit.

in 1980 they have arranged two visits by overseas teams at B or under-25 level and have provided overseas trips for their own players at all ages as well. Sponsorship has helped but remembering that the Zimbabwe Cricket Union's (ZCU) annual financial turnover barely reaches six figures, their persis-

standby, arrived as Lewis's replacement earlier in the day direct from London. He has not

By next August cricket will have been played in the country for 100 years, but it still remains a sport chiefly confined to the white minority, a relic from the colonial era. **MOTOR SPORT**

Senna's decision day Jean-Marie Balestre, the presi-Sports Federation (FISA), is expected to make a statement

Ayrton Senna in this year's Formula One championship. FISA has insisted on a public retraction by Senna of allega-tions that last year's world championship was rigged in favour of Alain Prost before granting the super licence required to compete in grand prix races. Yesterday had been set as the deadline for Senna to apologize but last night nothing had been heard of the Brazilian driver, who won the 1988 world

today on the participation of

championship.
Senna's McLaren team has refused to say whether or not Senna would apply for the licence or whether he would make the method.

make the public retraction. The

driver himself has been silent on

the subject during his holiday in

In his capacity as president of the International Automobile Federation. Balestre yesterday announced plans for covering 18,000km (11,000 miles) from Parts to Peking via Moscow for the autumn of 1991. The event is expected to last between 22 and 24 days and

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Macroom can retrieve losses following rare Newbury lapse

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Those who lost money when Macroom, a heavily backed favourite, fell at Newbury a week ago, can recover the outlay on the same horse in the Stanley Handicap Chase at Sandown Park today. He is

Before the Newbury race I expressed similar confidence in Macroom's ability, having seen him score in style on the same track prior to finishing third behind his stablemate Zuko and Ballyhane at Ascot.

It was therefore all the more disappointing to see him fall at the eighth sence when going well in third, more especially as he had never fallen in his life before. As if to rub salt into the wound, the race was won by Steeple View, who had been trounced 12 lengths by Macreom when they had met at Newbury at the end of last Mole Handicap Chase can go

the circumstances, it

that he would have finished that day, but unfortunately the when the card at Taunton was Pucks Place, who was even-broke down tually beaten 18 lengths. in his previous race, Macroom finished a long way

in front of Memberson and Burannpour, two of his oppogiving Macroom the clear better off. beating of Birling Jack at these Ida's D weights, it will not be surprising if Tarconey and Highway Express constitute the main threat, especially since Black Spur is 91b out of the

Tarconey clearly loves Sandown having won there three times already while Highway Express should be sharper for his recent run at Wincanton where he finished fourth to Desert Orchid. It was the performance of Mzima Spring in that race which convinces me that the

well shead of the fourth horse, strain was too great and she abandoned due to water-Before that she had been

runner-up to The A Train at Kempton when endeavouring to give Jenny Pitman's eightyear-old 7lb. On that occasion nents this afternoon. With a Breakfast Car was 18 lengths line through Steeple View adrift in third and is only 7lb

Ida's Delight, the top weight, who is often seen racing in the south even though he is trained in Northumberland, has been coughing since winning at Wetherby two days after Christmas. He may not be quite as fit as The A Train who comes from a stable in particularly good form. With Elfast's form begin-

ming to look fragile and Cliffalda not the horse over fences that he was over hurdles, it will not be surprising it the Chris McKenna Memorial Novices' Chase is won by to The A Train. Mzima Spring Okeetee who was denied the In the circumstances, it was the only one to make a chance of winning his second seems reasonable to suppose race of it with Desert Orchid race over fences yesterday

At the start of today's the race. programme, Lucky Verdict (2.0) should also be another winner for Okeetee's rider Peter Scudamore.

East River, who split Ri-Na-Rithann and Mander's Way on his latest start at Warwick, can go one better by capturing the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier at the expense of Flight Hill and Oneupmanship, who are both trained by David Elsworth.

For those interested in combination bets, I suggest Jimmy Fitzgerald's trio Bostzdaroff (2.15) and Solo Cornet (4.45) at Edinburgh, along with stable companion Noble Raider (4.40) at

Taunton abandoned Yesterday's fixture at Taunton doubt for Triumph

Stone Flake, the 12-1 jointfavourite for the Daily Express Trimuph Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival next month, has suffered a setback and may miss

Trainer Paul Kelleway confirmed yesterday that the colt, who heads the ante-post market after an impressive winning debut over hundles, had pulled a

"It happened a couple of days ago," he said. "It is worrying and we don't know whether he will recover in time to run at Cheltenham. I don't believe in ante-post betting and I would hate anyone to lose their money

12-1 about him on the day of the race anyway. But obviously we will be doing our best to get him fit again."

Kelleway considers Stone
Flake the best burdler he has trained, and that view was endorsed when the four-year-old beat Regal Lake by 15 lengths in near course record time at

okmakers William Hill re-Square to 8-1 clear favouries, followed by 10-1 Silver King, 14-1 Sayyare, 16-1 Major Inquiry and 20-1 others.

Stone Flake Pitman move pays handsome dividends

Mark Pitman switched from 1777 terday and brought off a 12-1 double on Midnight Train and

Georgic for his mother, Jenny,
Midnight Train is prone to
breaking blood vessels, but
gently handled by Mark, the nine-year-old mastered the pacemaking Ballinaveen without too much effort two fences from home to land odds of 6-4 on in the Belgrave Racing Chase by 25 lengths.

Mrs Pitman has the Cathcart Challenge Cup Chase at the Cheltenham festival or a race at Liverpool in mind for Midnight Georgic, jumping to the front

Novices' Chase, drew right away from her field and was chased home at a respectable distance by Random Romance and erry Town, It was the first success over

fences for the mare, who was a winner twice over hurdles and was bought by Mrs Pitman at Ballsbridge Sales for only 1,500

However, the Primans came took up training the unstuck with the 7-4 on favourite Willsford in the Trial Handicap Chase, in which the top weight failed by four lengths to catch Tenesaint, whose owner-trainer Dick Saunders is a steward at the meeting. Despite took up training the early Eight for S0 years a Leeds, but his presently in the Join Gill, whill doctor is in ho steward at the meeting. Despite

Going: good to soft

FAKENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin 2.0 Thin Red Line. 2.30 Basrullah. 3.0 Ryton Run. 3.30 Jazeras. 4.0 Perroquet. 4.30 Monk's Mistake.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.0 King Neon.

2.0 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,022: 2m 80yd) (11 runners)

2 024 NAUTICAL (SELLE 277 (CD,Cs.) Finger 6-11-6 S McNaidle 3 06-4 NAE SOTHER 77 J What no 6-11-4 S J O'Neil 4 070- SPHOK 31F J Bostock 6-11-3 D Gallagher 6 4FPP MCDED BLESSNOR 72 L Wordsoftware 6-10-11 P Consigning 6 342P GATTE SD 4 J Peace 6-10-10 J McLangille D Rhamps 9 0055 STRADEY CASTLE 14 K Bridgweise 4-10-6 D Rhamps 9 0055 STRADEY CASTLE 14 K Bridgweise 4-10-6 R Rowell 1 POP PULCATE 18 M Bunks 6-10-7 D Signme (5)

1 -130 THEN BED LINE 15F (CD,V,S) J January 6-11-10



Jenny Pitman: completed a 12-1 double at Leicester his defeat, Willsford is still likely to go to the Cheltenham festival. Young Ty retained his un-beaten record in five races, four of them this season, when the accomplished amateur Stephen Swiers brought him home 11/2 lengths winner from Dark Honey in the Oadby Novices'

Hurdle.

The winner was bred by his owner Dr Eric Robinson, who took up training under permit in the early Eighties. He was a GP for 50 years at Aberford near Leeds, but his three horses are presently in the charge of friend John Gill, while the 74-year-old doctor is in hospital recovering from a stroke

Dreaper's star heads betting

By George Rac

Carvill's Hill, trained by Jim Dreaper, is an even money favourite with Dublin book-makers Alan Tuthfil to repeat his victory of last year in the Vincent O'Brien Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Saturday.
Maid Of Money, second to
Toby Tobias at Cheltenham last month, is next best on 3-1 with one of the English challengers, John Upson's Nick The Brief, a close third favourite at 7-2. The Chris Pophem-trained Panto

There was only withdrawal, Lastofihebrownics, at yester-day's final forfeit stage, leaving seven remners. The race, for which the advance official going is soft, will be televised five on both RBCI and Channel 4. SOUR MING I MAN CHARMEN ACULT CUP (Listed Grade I: IPSO? 225: 3m) (7 runners) 1, Candy Well VI; 2, Carvilla Hilt; 3, Have A Barney; 4, Hatgiary Hur; 5, Nick The Driet; 6, Pacto Prince; 7, Maid Of Money. Cagnes hat week, can step up an that run in today's £6,967 Prix Robert-et-Villeneuve Bargaman Robert-et-Villeneuve Bargemon (120) at the Riviera track. The five-year-old won the Magnet Cup at York in 1988.

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,271: 3m) (8)

8 Nodgeen (7) 8 5004 MERAK SENGA 25 Mrs J Bloom 8-10-10 ... Mr M Shows 7 6F8- TARCOLA 279 Mrs T Mctones Schmer 17-10-10

1 431F JAZETAS 48 (BF.C.S) N Callaghan 7-11-3... D 2 -130 TEMEFORES 31 (D.B.C.S) N Henderson 9-11-3 3 -000 FillAL ALMA 9 (F.S) P Methel 7-10-10... R 4 USUF HELLO SAM 23 (F.) Bennett 7-10-10... I Lesen 5 5-P2 MASTER COMEDY 11 Miss L Bower 6-10-10

1 311- PERROQUET 325 (CD,2,5) G Vergette 10-12-6

6 165- YORK ROYAL 263 (CD,5) M Jerram 8-11-10 7 1P/ FLOREAT REGINA 837 (F) N Thomas 9-11-5 N Thomas 15-8 Perroquet, 5-2 King Neon, 5-1 Wise Gembol. 4.30 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,040: 2m

1 0311 DIPYN BACH 34 (CD,B,F,G,S) T McGowm 8-12-1

3 6215 OPERATIC SCORE 18 (D.F.G) J Jendens 6-11-5
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10-10-9 D General
5 10-3 JABARARA 172 (D.F.) J Bennett 9-10-8
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C 10-7 OFFICER GROWLER 345 (D.S) Mrs D Hains 6-10-5
R Coults E--

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8 F-F8 TERRY JO \$5 R Hoed 6-10-10... 2-1 Jazetas, 9-4 Tenniores, 8-1 Master Cornedy. 4.0 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (\$2,322: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

SANDOWN PARK

Selections By Mandarin

2.00 Lucky Verdict. 2.30 The A Train.

3.35 East River. 4.05 MACROOM (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.00 Lucky Verdict. 4.05 MACROOM (nap).

Going: soft

2.0 BIRCHWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,700: 2m) (11 runners)

2112 LUCKY VERDICT 26 (B,BY,S) (R Green) M Ppe 11-6
321 CARRIEDALE 13 (D,S) (E Weymes) E Weymes 11-4
212 DARK DEBNE 24 (BF,S) (J Jones) M Francis 11-4
312 SEA BUCK 41 (V,DF,S) (C Bucido) G Balding 11-4
ALMARKE PETE 23SF (MTs P Locies) G Harwood 11-0
HERÉ HE COMES 188F (G hystrase) R Abelurst 11-0
LAVA FALLS 99F (M Benics) M Benics 11-0
MATHER 189F (A Taxtin) P Budler 11-0
STITERBURN 30 (D Elon) R O'Sulfivan 11-0
SHARP JUSTICE 99F (Melpess Bros Ltr) M Fyrn 11-0
P JOMANA 21 (M Nighar) J Fox 10-9

1989: DEEP SENSATION 4-11-0 E Murphy (4-1) J Cifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS LUCKY VERDICT could not match the pace of the winner when 2½ 2nd to Sayyure at Cheltenham (2nd, good); sertier quickened to sensy best Devit's Velley 121 at Chepstow (2nt 4, soit).

ALMASSIC PETE became disappointing on the Flat and failed to land a 3-nunar event at Kampion (im CARESSIALE showed inproved form to best Sacre D'Or 41 at Wetherby (2m, soit).

DARK DESIRE, pushed clear to best Mulrifield VIII. (2nt) in June when 2nd to land day and to landsome Bovary. SHARP JUSTICE, proved a tough handicapper on the path of the petrol (2nd 2nd to landsome Bovary, 1000 to soit) in November with LAVA FALLS 18th. at Chepstow (2m, heavy) when 401 3nd of 12 to Man

..... B Storey 96 M Pitters 97 H Davies • 98

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.... B de Heen 95
.... G Moore 61
.... T Morgan © 99
Peter Hobbs --.... D Moorte ---

. S Earle

2.30 MCLE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,691: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

Long handleage Southal Strut 9-5, Dathury 9-1, BETTRIG: 13-8 Tine A Train, 5-2 kin's Delight, 7-2 Breakfast Car, 6-1 Southal Strut, 12-1 Dathury. 1986: ROYAL STAG 7-10-8 H Davice (5-4) D Grissell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS IDA'S DELIGHT raibest to best to best to Jazzy Jumpor at Phimpton (2m, soft). SOULFUL Nohetradum % I at Wetherby (2m 60yd, good). THE A STRUT looks to face a stiff task at these weights, but TRAIN, a progressive sort, was driven out to best had so a progressive sort, was driven out to best had no spring with stask at neck 2nd of 5 to lating spring 31 at Kempston (2m, good) with BREAKPAST CAR (7m better off) 151 away in 3rd. | Selection: THE A TRAIN

3.05 CHRIS MCKENNA MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (92,974: 2m 4f 68yds) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS ELFAST finished 3! Ing mistakes and weakening to be 18! 3rd of 9 to Wrekin Hill. CLOSE ESCAPE, makes chasing bow, Hend, the pair 10 clear, at Leopardstown (2m, good to five). Office ran on to be 4! 2nd of 4 to Another Corni at Chaltenham (2m, good to firm). Office made all when pushed out on the run-in to beat Court Appeal 1! In a Devon (2m 11, soft) novices hardical practic.

TUNE HILL gained deserved success at Fontwell (2m 4t, nearly) beating Masser Cornicty a Short-heach to beat Court Fellow 3! at Doncaster (2m 4t, good).

CLIFFALDA proved a very disappointing adds-on lawcurite at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to soft) make-

Course specialists

C P E Brooks D M Grissell Mrs J Pitraen M C Pipe Capt T A Forster F Walnun

EDINBURGH Selections

1.45 Logamimo. 2.15 Boutzdaroff. 2.45 Watertight.

3.15 The Maltkiln. 3.45 Cornet. 4.15 Mystic Music. 4.45 Solo Cornet.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Boutzdaroff. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 CORNET. Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Mystic Music.

Going: good

1.45 GOREBRIDGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O; £1,506; 2m) (8 runners)

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2.15 HOWGATE NOVICES CHASE (£2,083: 2m) (7 runners)

1 POPER DIRECT INTEREST 25 (CD,G) (J Bianchi) Denys Santh 7-11-12 P Niven 57 200 SACK BEFORE DARK 32 (J Price) K Ober 6-11-5 G McCourt 6 3 11225-2 SOUTZDAROFF 21 (SF,F,G) (Robinson Publications Ltd) J FitzGerald 8-11-5 C Great 6 98 11225-2 SOUTZDAROFF 21 (SF,F,G) (Robinson Publications Ltd) J FitzGerald 8-11-5 G McCourt 6 11225 DIRECTRING 6 (S) (J Tenneral) G Moore 7-11-5 M Visionamon (3) 0P-05 HOLLY KING 45 (R Padgherri J Edwards 6-11-5 M Visionamon (3) 7 1224-0P VIZUET PEARL 44 (SF) (J Cringson) (Semple 7-11-0 J Kinese 7 1224-0P VIZUET PEARL 44 (SF) (J Cringson) (Semple 7-11-0 J Kinese 7 11-0 J Kinese 11-5 Direct Interest, 8-1 Holly King, Patro Ltd, 20-1 Back

BETTIMO: 11-8 Boutzdarolf, 11-4 Dunioring, 11-2 Direct Inserest, 8-1 Holly King, Pater Lad, 20-1 Back Beters Dark, 33-1 Velvet Pearl. 1989: MASNOON 6-11-5 P Niven (9-4) Denys Smith 7 ran

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Miss D Calder G McCourt R Garrity P Niven Mr K Anderson S Turner

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	3.35	EBF N	OVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3	.015: 2m (21 runners)	
	401		VAZON BAY 52 (B.D.F) (R Hitchine) No	• •	M Pilmen 92
	402	00-	BARGE BOY 368 (C House) J Old 6-11-	0	
	403	130-	BOURSON SPERIT 293 (F) (K Fischer) &	4 Francis 5-11-0	. M Richards —
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	405	2-52	EAST RIVER 18 (Mrs D Russell) G Beld	ing 6-11-0	J Freet 94
	406	8-004	FUGHT HILL 10 (Mrs R Stanley) D Elev	orth 6-11-0	Q Brackey 84
	407	121-6	FOR HEAVEN'S BAKE 146 GEF.F.O. IK	Bell) C Broad 5-11-0	D Teco
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	409	ŕ	GENERAL MOSS 55 (Mrs C Heath) O S	nerwood 5-11-0	J Osborne —
	410		HARBINGER (Pol-mell Partners) J Giffo	rd 5-11-0	Eliturativ
	411	30/-06	HAWKES BAY 36 (C Wells) R Hodges ?	-11-0	H Devices 74
	412	. 0	KING'S CURATE 17 (C Elis) S Mellor 6-	11-0	M Pernett
	413	OC-PO	MILITARY EXPRESS 36 (Miss S Gingsi	R Hodges 7-11-0	
ı	414		MOZE TIDY 15 (M Greenway) J Gifford		
ì		221-F32	ONEUPMANISHIP 16 (S) (J Stott) D Else	orth 5-11-0	B Powell & 99
	416	0/00-	PARTY BOY 476 (Mrs J Debenham) P H	lobbs 7-11-0	Pater Hobbs —
ľ	417		ROSE MASTER 39 (G Ham) G Ham 7-11		
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EAST RIVER caught close home at Warwick (2m, soft) Bristing head 2nd to RI-Ne-Rithern with FLKSHT MILL (same terms) 144 4th and TRECLING STAR 13th.

4.5 STANLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,003: 3m 118yds) (8 runners) J Frest
T Morgan
K Mooney 9
Mr D Gray 9A
R Stronge 90
1 Datmoody @ 90
W Inkine 89

1988: DERECT APPROACH 9-11-1 Pater Hobbs (9-4) J Gifford 3 ran

4.40 CARDINAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (23,071: 2m 5f 75yd)

Long bandicap: Fehrorth 9-11.
BETTING: 7-2 Record Flight, 5-1 Reach Me Down, 6-1 Farmy Dillon, Hamper, 8-1 Tyred N'Snookered, oper Streek, General Chryson, 10-1 Fehrorth,14-1 others. 1969: WESTWAY 6-11-10 | Lawrence (2-1 fee) D Gris

2.45 MUSSELBURGH STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,022: 3m) (10 runners) 125221 ROYAL MILE 23 (F,G) (C Leader) W A Stephenson 5-12-0.... 279710 FLYING DANCER 20 (F,G,S) (D Bramell) B McLean 8-11-12.

Long handicap: Bejayjay 9-8, Tharaisos 8-10.
BETTBIG: 3-1 Wateriight, 4-1 Royal Mile, 5-1 Eastern Casis, 11-2 Rying Dancer, 13-2 Taylormede Boy, Candiebright, 12-1 others. 1889: EASTERN CASIS 6-10-1 D Byrne (5-1) J Andrews 9 res 3.15 KILMANY CUP (Handicap chase: £2,285: 3m) (6 runners)

C Grant © 98 C Kellett 87 G Harler 75

BETTING: 7-4 Cornet, 7-2 Welt You There, 5-1 Non Permanent, 8-1 Pacific Sound, 8-1 Premier Princ 10-1 Bonnie Dundes, 14-1 others. 1989: COPELAND LAD 7-10-7 Ger Lyons (16-1) J Johnson 14 rsn

4.15 FIFE HUNT CLUB CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: 21,484; 3m) (5 runners) 1 31P421- FLYING ACE 263 (CD.F.G.S) (A Calder) A Calder 14-12-7 Miles D Calder (5) 85
2 11P111- MYSTIC MUSIC 258 (CD.F.S.) (Miss H Wilson) Miles H Wilson 11-12-2 K Anderson (5) 9 39
3 36/1722- MILLANIA 289 (D.G.S) (T Delgetty) T Delgetty 9-12-2 J M Dan (7) 95
4 PPS-85P RESK ANOTHER 150 (Mrs W Tulle) Mrs W Tulle 7-12-0 J Greenick (7) J Greenick (7) 5
15/F- ALTAGNACIENT ROSE 480 (F) (P Patendright) P Pitendrigh 10-11-8 B Pitendright (7) —
BETTING: 10-11 Mystic Music, 2-1 Fyling Ace, 11-2 Nigarran, 12-1 Altaghaderry Ace, 2-1 Filek Another.

4.45 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,730: 2m) (15 runners)

OUR DEADLY 20 (8) (Mrs H Wells) Mrs H Wells 5-12-3_ R Hedge (7) R Supple —
L O'Here (5) —
J Cellaghen (7) —
D J Wortett (7) — BETTING: 6-4 Solo Cornet, 4-1 Castlericherdicing, 9-2 Our Deadly, 6-1 Memy Measure, 8-1 Tingle Brook, ret Friend, 14-1 others.

1000- YOUNG POKEY 4-10-10 R Febry (7-2) C Takier 14 ren

Racscard number. Six-figure form (F - fall. IP - pulled up. U - unsested rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance where. CD - course and distance winner. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.		
3.35 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,015: 2m (21 rutners)		
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402 00- BARGE BOY 368 (C House) J Old 6-11-0		
402 00- BARGE BDY 368 (C House) J Old 6-11-0		
1 404 P CUT ABOVE AVERAGE 16 (J Conningham) M Wikinson 5-11-0		
405 2-62 EAST RIVER 19 (Mrs D Russell) G Building 6-11-0		
406 8-004 PLIGHT HILL TO (Mrs R Stanley) D Eleworth 6-11-0		
407 121-6 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 146 (BF,F,Q) (K Bell) C Broad 5-11-0		
408 00/ PREE AQIENT 715 (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 7-11-0 T Plesseld (5)		
409 P GENERAL MOSS BE (Mrs C Heath) O Sterwood 5-11-0		
410 HARBINGER (Pail-mail Partners) J Gifford 5-11-0 E Murphy —		
411 30/06 HAWKES BAY 36 (C Wells) R Hodges 7-11-0		
412 0 KING'S CURATE 17 (C Elis) S Melicr 6-11-0 M Perrett -		
413 00-P0 MR.ITARY EXPRESS 36 (Mas S Gingall) R Hodges 7-11-0		
414 2 MOZE TIDY 15 (M Greenway) J Gifford 6-11-0 R Rowe 90		
415 221-F32 ONEUPMANSHIP 16 (5) (J Stott) D Esworth 5-11-0		
416 9/00- PARTY BOY 476 (Mrs. J. Debenham) P Hobbs 7-11-0 Pater Hobbs —		
419 \$-00 TINKLING STAR 10 (C Anderson) J Fox 6-11-0		
420 8-P WHO'LL SIOUX WHO 52 (Wedgeless Racing Ltd) R Hodges 5-11-0 W Indee — 421 8/ GOLDEN SUBBER 881 (I Wheles) P Hedger 7-10-9 R Goddings (7) —		
4-1 of		
BETTING: 2-1 East River, 7-2 Oneupmenship, 8-1 Flight Hill, 7-1 Viscon Bay, 10-1 General Moss, 12-1 Harbinger, Free Agent, 14-1 For Heaven's Sake, 16-1 others.		
1982: D4S TRAIN 5-11-0 M Physiol 5-2 fev) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran		
FORM FOCUS VAZON BAY was AMPRES BAY kept on at one pace from 2 out to finish 25 6th to Fifth Amendment at Wincenton (20.)		

ng until 2 cut in the race won by Timyland good with FLIGHT HILL (same terms) is /m. ng until 2 cut in the race won by Timyland n (2m) on Boxing Day, previously easily MOZE TEDY made an encouraging debut at iqueeze Play 12 at Laicester (2m, good to Towcester (2m, good to soft) when 61 2nd of 18 to Proud Crest. OREUPWANSHEP creditable 31 2nd to Play the pair clear, at Whitsor (2m, 30)d, soft; hing head 2nd to Ri-Na-Rithern with nut (2m, soft).

Selection: VAZON BAY

501 31060/P BURANDPOUR 35 (D.F.G.S) (Ars E Weinstein) G Beking 10-11-10. J Frest — 512 1316-US BURANDPOUR 35 (D.F.G.S) (Ars J Pustierer) J Edwards 9-11-10. T Morgan 91 503 2/211-44 PUCKS PLACE 7 (D.F.G) (J Belfrage) N Geselee 9-11-4 K Mooney 91 504 16-613F MACROOM 7 (BF.D.G.S) (Mrs M Tincial) S Mellor 8-10-11 Mir D Gray 92 505 59-6256 TARCOMEY 20 (CD.G.S) (R Whithis) P Currolel 10-10-8 R Biroage 99 506 U43006 MEMBERSON 10 (CD.F.G.S) (P Dutoene) P Dutoene 12-10-6 R Dutoened 99 507 2P414-4 HIGHWAY EXPRESS 8 (S) (M Whithis) R Hodges 9-10-5 W Invites 93 506 2-22373 BLACK SPUR 13 (F.G.S) (J Gibson) 10 (Carron 6-10-0 B Storey 86 SETTING: 2-1 Macroom. 7-2 Highway Express, 4-1 Birling Jack, 8-1 Tarconey, Pucks Place, 10-1 Black Spur, 16-1 Memberson, 20-1 Burkampour.

FORM FOCUS BIRLING JACK, is yet to recepture Jerney The Meanty The Meanty The Makindy with MEMBERSON (15b) better off) 121 4th at Haydock (4m, heavy) in persent at Newbury (5m, heavy) finishing 17½1 4th to Steeple View with MEMCRODIG and when talking 3th, MECHOOL certificities effort on persentants start in Ascot bendicap (5m, good) finishing 10 and to 2 uto with MEMBERSON (14b) better off) poor 8th and BURRANNEYCUR bailed off when pulled up before 3 cut.

ALO CARDINAL CONTINUED AND INCOME.

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FORM FOCUS TYRED MYSNOC-INCRED is fairly treated on 2 defeat of Oksetse in Towcester novice (2m 5/ 20yd, good) on penultimate start last term.

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3.45 JEMMY MURPHY NOVICES HURDLE (21,758: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1982: MYSTIC MUSIC 10-11-12 Mr K Anderson (Evens Sav) Miss H Wilson 6 ran

9-4 Nautical Bala, 7-2 Thin Red Line, 11-2 Nas Bother, 6-1 Quite So, 9-1 Deep Water Bay, 10-1 Baby Ashiey, 16-1 others. 2.30 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (23,348: 1 1212 ANNETTE'S VENTURE 50 (CD.F.O.S) B Stavent 6-11-11 R Da 2 OIF- FEELE NA HOUSE 236 (CD,G) R Champion 7-11-7

7 RW BASRULLAH 718 K Balley 9-10-0...... I Lawe 2-1 Annette's Venture, 11-4 Roadster, 9-2 Felia Na Himsa, 8-1 Eastern Player, 14-1 others. 3.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,506: 2m

1 FOIB RIVER KINGDOM 8 (D,S) J Redmond 7-11-5 2-1 Pet's Minstrel, 5-2 River Kingdom, 7-2 Ryton Run, 11-2 Fox's Froic, 16-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin 2.10 The Pike, 2.40 Lilac Time, 3.10 Thirty First, 3.40 Rubydora, 4.10 Point Made, 4.40 Noble

2.10 GIBSMERE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,646: 3m)

2.40 MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE SELLING

5-2 Burkes Progress, 3-1 Golden Imags, 4-1 Film Lighting Girl, 6-1 Mr Presley, 8-1 Meshrurf, 10-1 Like: Time.

3.10 LANGWITH NOVICES HURDLE (£1,632: 2m

1 OP BEN MACK 34 C Ball 5-11-4. M Meagher 2 2004 BRILLIANT WISH 25 R Picher 7-11-4. R Maday 3 5206 DREAMING STAR 3 (V) P. Anderson 5-17-4 P Verlag (S) 4 SOFT PERMING SEASON 16 NEW A Resents 5-11-4 J Lodder C) 5 PPR- GOLDEN COMPANION 384 J McConnoctus 6-11-4.

J Shorts
7 S TAUREAN TYCOON 25 D Willems 6-11-4... B Dorin (7)
8 THIRTY FIRST 15 J Dunlop 5-11-4... B Dorin (7)
9 EYE STURBER SSF J O'Shes 5-10-13... K Donins
10 PS-P GEORGIAN QUICUSTEP 38 A Cramberian 5-10-13

11 PROS LOTSCHEN LADY 11 D Gandolfo 6-10-13..... M. Alb

2-1 Lotechen Lady, 3-1 Dreaming Star, 4-1 Thirty First, 8-1 Jim's Top, 10-1 Brilliant Wish, 14-1 others.

HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,478: 2m 4f) (7)

TRAIMERS: W Holden, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; P Mischell, 13 from 42, 31%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 16, 25%; Mrs J Bioom, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J Janides, 7 from 39, 17.9%; M Sidnars, 3 from 18, 16.7%; K Bailay, 4 from 30, 13.3%, JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 9 winners from 24 rides, 37.5%; D Gallagher, 3 from 9, 33.3%; A Carroll, 10 from 39, 25.6%; D Marphy, 3 from 14, 21.4%; R Dunwoody, 4 from 19, 21.1%; P Corrigan, 3 from 15, 20%. 3.40 KERSALL NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE £1.618: 2m 4f) (7)

1 3FI2 RIMYONA 8 (R.S) M H Enterby 6-11-7 R Marley
2 P RAMED WARROOR 23 M Weston 5-11-6. V Stationy (7)
23 GF80 HOXON CRIS. 16 W Clay 7-11-5 R Benea (7)
24 SDP0 POLAR ICE 14 J Harris 4-11-2 M J Harris 65 -400 SR DUBEL 4 (F) J Harris 6-11-2 M J Harris 65 -400 MILLHERRAM 34 C Broad 5-11-1 P McDemott (7)
27 0012 SBLEKT PRINCESS 9 (CD) J Harris 4-10-11 S Harris (7) 4-7 Pubydora, 7-2 Stent Princess, 8-1 Hixon Girl, 4.10 HALLOUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,576: 2m) (9) 2 F2F1 POINT MADE 7 (D,F,G,S) J Bosiny 7-12-0 (Sec) M Bosiny 3 1331 HELL BEAGLE 4 (CD,F,S) W Clay 10-12-0 (5cx)

8 3896 BALLYWEST 25 (B,D,F) B Combidge 12-10-0 Mirr H Neccest 8 QP-P LA SELLE OF SAMTO 116 (D,F) B Wells 7-10-0 J Deccests (7) 9-4 Permisse's Pride, 3-1 Point Made, 4-1 Hit Beack

L40 NEW CROSS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (21,688: 2m) (13)

HOMLE RAIDER 32 Journy Fizgerald 6-12-1 D Byrne

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Pop ASROAD 15 P Beven 5-11-3 # 1-2 Noble Raider, 3-1 Ben, 7-1 Spariding Cinders.

Course specialists TRANSRS: Jinsuy FitzGerald, 25 winners from 63 runners, 33.7%; R Hollinshead, 8 from 26, 28.6%; Mrs E Heath, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Eatherby, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Miss S Wilson, 8 from 30, 20.5%; D Gandolfo, 6 from 38, 18.7%; C Bell, 5 from 31, 18.1%. JOCKEY8: A Juckes, 5 winners from 15 rides, 39.3%; D Byros, 7 from 23, 30.4%; M Dwyer, 34 from 139, 24.5%; V Stattery, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Gary Lyons, 8 from 35, 22.9%;

Sandown results

Goings soft

1.55 (2m hdie) 1, RIVERHEAD (3
Bradley, 6-4 tav); 2, Bitter Buck; (7
Morgan, 8-1); 3, Fittis Amendment (M
Bowlby, 5-1), ALSO RAN-7 Laplerre (Bris, 8 Loaringdain (4th), 14 Young Fact, 20
Akriam (Stih, Paleam Sulle (4r), 33 Bold Guard, Craigmore (su), Harresk, Prins Hendrik (pu), Cuick Rapor (su), Saffron Pain, Saily Fare, Stru Fly, Smith College, Super Sense, Dainsbury (su), Logal Tins (f), Walsh Papaentry, 21 ran, NR-Corbit's Dismond, Hd, 251, 51, 81, 21. D Elsworth at Whitbury, Toke: 22.50; 21.30, 21.80, 21.80, Dr.; 24.10, CSP: 21.253.

2.55 San 118ud cth 1, TARTAN TREK (M 21.80. DF: 24.10. CSF: 218.53.

225 (3m 119d ch) 1, TARTAN TRIX (M Boudly, 7-4 fav): 2, Bara Peg (M Futlong, 35-1): 3, Lover Bill (B Powell, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Express Air (I), 6 Celtic Hembro (pu), 8 Cestis Celas (pu), Florians Birthday (pu), 10 Never A Panny (4th), 65 Little General (pu). 9 nn. NRt. Annetta's Ventura. 3, 2%1, 201. Mrs. J. Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tota: 22.50; 21.30, 25.30, 22.50. DF: 22.20. CSF: 243.30, Tricast: 2411.23.

Tricast: £411.29.

3.00 (2m 4f 68yd ch) 1, OUR MOSEY (5 Powel, 10-1); 2, Mineing Mm (R Rows, 8-1); 3, Bustree (M Bowty, 5-1), ALSO RAY: 6-2 fav Eastelane (4th, 11-2 Southermar (f), 6 (Gbritain Caste, 6 Augherogue (5th), 12 Observer Corps (pd, Arrother Schedule (8th), 65 Problem Child. 10 ran. 2, 4, 1%, 4, 1%, M Madgwick at Demmach, Tote: £14.10; £2.70, £3.10, £2.80. DF; £30.00. CSF; £78.71. Tricast: £810.82.

2510.92.
3.30 (2m hdle) 1, STAR SEASON (N Mann, 6-1); 2, Doc's Coat (S Whight, 16-1); 3, L'Usemo Pier (M Bowlby, 12-1); 4, Riegybey (L Hervey, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 9-2 hr Russic Comedy (h, 5 Chrammon Run (Sh), 10 Katil Shi), 12 Hosma D'Alfaire, Moore Stylich, 14 Pennity Double, Take issue, 15 Squistiron, 20 Run High, Little Toro, Billie, Alig, 25 Greenhills Pride, 35 Practolus, Combined Exercise, Kings Violovy, 20 ran. 4, nk, 61, 11, nk. R Holder at Bristo. Toke, 27.40; 22.20, 22.70, 23.10, 25.10, DF-275.90. GSF: 2102.72, Tricast 21,022.80.

4.05 (2m of 68yd ch) 1, HAND OVER (Mr. J. Harley, 5-1); 2, Parmago (Mes J. Barrow, 20-1); 3, Lanelay (Mr. P. Hacking, 11-2), ALSO RAN: 5-2 faw Sambellat, 9-2 Summons, 11-2 Half Five (58t), 14 Coolcotts (8th), 33 Penny King (4th), Prince Zeus (pai), 50 High Ridga, 10 ran. NR: Flaming Tide, 20, 8; 3, 12, 12, J. Harley at Dresdord, Tolic 25.00; 51.40, 25.90, 21.30. DF: 277.80. CF: 278.56. A-40 (2m St 75yd India) 1. ARISTOS (S Mohleil, 33-1); 2. Caltic Down (S Earle, 10-1); 3. Dut Train (M Sowby, 2-1 Say). ALSO FIAN: 9-2 Your's Little Bet (5th), 6 Generous Scot, 8 Munismid (5th), 9 Cardinal Raiph, 10 Soștal Climber (4th), 12

Nettum Blake, 18 Febr Agnes (pul), 20 Quiddity, 100 Thunderwood (ptl), Mr Avenger (pul), Time Module, 14 res., NF: Queen's Chaplain, 151, 83, 31, 123, 81, J Old at Shapton Mallet, Tota: 2128,60; 211.30, 22.30, 21.70. DF; 2297.10. GSP; 2313.41. Tricast: 2889.57. Jeckpol: Not won (Pool of £17,275.79 carried forward to Standown today). Placepot: E178.80.

Leicester Going: heavy (holis); soft (ch) Going: heavy (hdie); soft (ch)

1.45 (2m 4f hdie) 1, YOUNG TY (Mr S
Swiers, 8-12; 2, Dark Honey (R Guest, 2-1
few); 3, The Blywhecter (M Pitmen, 5-1).

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Queen's Chepieli (4th).

10 Weckers Megic (ad). 16 Continvorin
(pu), 20 Concert Paper (5th), 25 Miss
Wrendborough (8th), 80 Farmer's Toest,

Gold Hand, Growston, Jurinistan (pu),
Mester William. 13 ran. 1%1, 21, 201, 2%,

201. Dr J Robinson at Aberiond, Tote:

24.80: 21.10, 21.70, 22.30. DF: 26.40.

CSF: 213.48.

2.15 (2m hdie) 1, GO GO GORGEOUS (J Lodder, 11-4); 2, Birningham's Pride (Gary Lyons, 7-2; 3, Fit For Coussed (P Scudantors, 5-2; tay, ALSO FAN: 5 Saremo (5th), Helio Sweatie (4th), 14 Earth Beam (6th), 50 Badgers (6th. 7 ca., 8, 12, 8, 15, nit. F. Jorden at Laominster, Tote: 25.80; £2.20, £2.50. DF: £10.30. CSF: £13.56.

2.46 (3m ch) 1, TEMESAINT (Mr A Sensons, 6-1); 2, Williaford (M Pitrien, 4-7 fay); 3, Balachi (P Soudamora, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 6 High Edge Gray (4th), 12 Sneekspenny (ur), 20 Larry-O (5th); 6 ran. NR: Uncle Martin. 4, 161, 161, 161, 181, C Saunders at Northampton. Tota: 29.50; 52.40, 21.20, DF: 25.30, CSP: 212.63.

3.15 (2m 4f oh) 1, MEDNEGHT TRAIN (M. Phran, 4-6 lav); 2. Bellisameen (Mr. A Sansonne, 7-11; 3, El Gallice (J. Colonne, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 44 Ceste Traint (4th), 33 Royalty Bay (5th), 60 MB Folly (pu), 6 ran. 25, 1, dist, 11. Mrs. J. Phrans at Upper Lambourn, Tota: 21.50; 21.50, 21.90. DF: 23.80, CSF: 25.32. 3.45 (2m ch) 1, GEORGIC (M Plemen, 7-1); 2, Random Romanos (R Durwoody, 9-2); 3, Caseny Town (N Williamson, 20-1). ALSO FIAN: 5-4 fav. Astations (au), 4 Good Tonio (489), 12 tema Princess (pu), 14 Al Heshkrii (59), 16 Romentol, 20 Baintly Path, 33 Tenecount (60), 50 Footnes, Galaloe Gien (pu), Smith's Lad), 13 ran. 161, 114, 81, 41, 128 Mers at Upper Lambourn. Tota: 25.70; 21.90, 21.20, 23.90, DF: 24.90, CSF: 240.08.

4.15 (2m hdie) 1. SPRING HAY (R Durwoody, 4-5 lav): 2, Deira Fort (J Osborne, 6-1): 3, Lesden (S Curran, 12-1). ALSO RANk: 4 Ecosansis Derrasur, 4(41), 13-2 Stadii (pu), 66 Little Red Flower (pu), 6

ran, shind, 251, 11. D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £2.40, DP: £3.00. CSP: £5.86. After stawards inquiry Placapot: £9.80. **Lingfield Park**

Going: standard 1.48 M. G. (1m 2t) 1, Sandicible Star (M Hills, 11-10 tay); 2, Native Fish (25-1); 3, Rapportsur (4-1), 7 ran, %1, %1, B Hills, Tota: 22.40; 21.40, 84.50, DF: £7.10, CSF; £23.57.

2.19 (im) 1, Prior Charge (S C'Gorman, 14-1); 2, Sapphirine (3-1 | Hényi; 3, Fallow Deer (11-2), Kings Adderman 3-1 | Hény 9 ran. 3l, hd. Par Mitchell. Toke: 217.60; 24.40; 21.10, 21.70. DF: 247.90, CSF: 252.90. 2.40 (8) 1, Anishind (R Morae, 8-4)-terly 2, Magic Ana (8-4)-terly 3, Jovial Kate (7-1), 5 ran. sh hd, 3l. C Allen. Tote: 92.30; \$1.20, \$1.30. DR: \$2.00. CSR: 24.25.
2.10 (5f) 1, Secidophara Ben (Dean McKeown, 5-2 p-tav); 2, Ration Of Pession (12-1); 3, Tylers Wood (5-2 p-fav), 8 ren. hd, 2i, J Lakjn, Tota: 52.60; 21.10, 52.20, 21.60. DF: 28.30. CSP: 527.00. Tricast: 270.18.

3.46 (1m 4f) 1, Super Gunner (W Ryes, 100-90 fer); 2, Pibokeyes Boy (12-1); 3, Gienstal Abboy (10-1), 13 ran. 7, 254, M Fetherston-Godiey. Totas: 22.70; 22.30, 24.20, 23.80. DF: 2280.40. CSF: 245.02, 4.10 (im) 1, Super One (Alax Greenes, 2-1 fav); 2, Dr Maccarter (3-1); 3, Lingfield Lass (7-1), 8 ran. 4, hd. T Barron, Tota: E3.10; 21.0, 21.00, 23.70, DF: 213.20, GSF: 210.27, Tricast: 238.11. Plecepot: £20,78.



Thorburn reaps benefit of new thinking

The young man born at Rheindalen, a military base in West Germany, has had his explosive moments in a distinguished association with the game.

Paul Thorburn's playing career seems to have lurched in and out of controversy these past 18 months. The Neath full back will win his 27th cap in five years of international rugby when Wales arrive at Twickenham on Saturday afternoon.

He is probably as well known for his extraordinary outburst against a certain journalist at the dinner following last year's Wales-England match as for the triple-crown winning goals he landed in 1988 or the gargantuan 70-yard penalty goal he once struck in a Cardiff

Truth to tell, none of those moments begins to unravel the intricate nature and personality of the Wales full back and former captain. His sensitivity and growing dismay at the criticism made against him, much of it vitriolic, has created a shell into which he has retreated. He no longer gives interviews to the Press. An old acquaintance was accommodated but the disenchantment at his treatment by the media showed in the course of conversation.

"Unfortunately there are a few people in the media who ruin things for everyone, players and genuine rugby writers. What happened in Cardiff last year was the culmination of many things. It was unfortunate I picked on that one guy because it could have encompassed quite a few people.'

Thorburn's invective was aimed at a Welsh writer who had committed the cardinal sin for a Welshman: publicly suggesting an English victory might be a good thing and create a brighter dawn for Wales. That was heresy and he was berated by the Welsh captain at the dinner. Certain unsavoury signs to a section of the crowd did not help. Thorburn had been under grievous

Scots get

early

scent of

victory

By Alan Lorimer One's sense of smell in Edin-

unmistakable gallic odour, a mixture of garlic and Gauloises that not even the ever-present winds that blow the length of

Princes Street can disperse. The French are back in Scotland for

what has become one of the

most caserly awaited inter-national matches at

Murrayfield, second only to the

In Scotland at present there is

an anticipation of something akin to the 1984 season which may owe more to passionate allegiance than rational judge-ment. In spite of two victories

this season, against Fiji and Romania, Scotland bad a

ireland two weeks ago and were a shade fortunate to return with

stayed faithful to the 15 that played at Lansdowne Road, resisting the temptation to

tamper with the second row on

whom the blame for poor

lineout possession fell.
Scotland's most capped

scrum half, Roy Laidlaw, puts

his team's performance against Ireland down to rustiness.

Scotland came in cold against

came under its belt. The other

factor was that the half-back

partnership was together for the first time since October," he

said. "Chalmers's injury forced him out of the district champ-

ionship and the national trial.

When I partnered John Ruther

ford, I regarded my games for South as crucial to our under-

standing of each other's play."

Although the French have

seemed vulnerable at Murray-

field in recent years, Laidlaw

sounds a cautionary note. "Scot-land could experience a back-lash in the wake of their huge

players will be keen to imposss

and even if some of them are

unknown here they will still be

their domestic rugby is of a very high standard and so it is much

easier for their players to step up

to international rugby than it is for the Scots or the Irish."

special atmosphere of the French match with affection,

has no illusions about the task facing the Scots. "The French defence is difficult to break

down. Backs like Sella are very

clever in defending wide out. Scotland will have to take the

French on up front and kick well

changed line-up, they will how-ever greet the French with a

special welcome. Flower of Scot-land will be sung for the first time in the five uations' champ-ionship, something Laidlaw missed in his playing days.

Sean Lineen, the centre, who

injured shoulder ligaments in the game against Ireland, and Iwan Tukalo, who bruised ribs

in his club game last Saturday, have been pronounced fit for

Prisma's change

of direction

Tony Carter, the chairman of the Prisma sports marketing company which planned to advise rugby union players, yesterday said he would be

setting up another company that would be a wholly-owned subsidiary. Carter denied Prama had gone out of business, but said: "It is true we are

changing direction in rugby football."

Carter said Prisma was "pro-mature" in getting involved with some rugby clubs in raising money for them.

loney for them. Meanwhile, Carter made clear

that a former employee, Alex

Keay, had not lost his job, but

While Scotland field an un-

Laidlaw, who remembers the

It is hard school in France;

ficult time in overcoming

TheScotland selectors have

he says. "The most annoying thing was it took away the credit for a great Welsh performance. I regret that more than anything else, for the papers were plastered with that incident rather than the match."

What brought matters to a head was the abuse hurled in his direction.

"I don't think we get the support we should. When you get a situation where people write you off before you go on the field, I think that is wrong. Instead of trying to encourage players, some critics seem to be making them think, 'Should I

"But it goes beyond that. When players think is it worth playing any more, and I know many people have felt that, something is radically wrong.

Amateur players do not deserve to cop
the sort of flak some people hand out."

Thorburn wonders who these critics

are. People who have never held a rugby ball in their life, in many instances. "You can accept criticism. I fully believe it is part of the game. But it depends how it is put and the number of times you see it." Thorburn was interested to take a

telephone call this week from David Campese wishing him well for Saturday. The Australian, who is in London on business, knows a thing or two about abuse, after throwing the errant pass that cost the Wallabies the international series against the British Isles last year. "I know full well what Paul is talking

about. Criticism is inevitable but the people who usually make it have no credentials whatsoever to be saying such things," the Australian said.

Reneath the exterior of caution and acquired hostility there lurks a pride and an affability within Thorburn which many never see. Away from the intrusive microphone and the scribbling pen, he is the essence of friendliness and courtesy among his friends. If the game and those abrasive attitude which he sometimes demonstrates, then that can only be

The record 220 points he has stowed away in his bag for Wales in inter-national rugby is testimony to his sustained excellence with the boot. But there may be more to come. At 27 he feels he is reaping the benefit of the new training programme devised by the fitness experts at the Xell Company, his new employers.

He feels stronger as befits a man now pumping weights for an hour and a half a day, five days a week. Tests on muscular prowess, fatigue and the other assorted scientific studies associated with leading modern day sportsmen have helped him enhance both strength and speed. He feels physically better equipped, men-tally sharper for the fray. England

"We cannot be written off at Twickenham. People talk about a psychologi-cal advantage we have over England but I don't think that really matters. Our record over them probably justifies that but it is because Welsh rugby at club level has been better than in England for many years. Few English sides have won in Wales. It is only now that England are starting to catch up."

The years since Thorburn's arrival on the international stage have been rich in promise but largely barren in product for Wales. He ascribes that to the disruptive changes in personnel among the team, coaching staff and selectors.

"New Zealand have shown you must have a settled, established pattern," he said. "Their side has hardly changed in four years. But in Wales, so many different faces coming on to the scene have prevented continuity. A settled side with continuity of players and playing patterns is essential. Wales still have the among his friends. If the game and those who report it have contributed to the playing policy is essential."



Kicking back: Thorburn, whose playing career has lurched in and out of controversy

Progress is made on leagues

League rugby in Wales looked to have taken another step closer following a "harmonious" meet-ing on Wednesday night be-tween the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) and the Merit Table

clubs.

The WRU is mandated by its member clubs to launch a fourdivision structure next season, although the Merit Table organization, which represents organization, which represents the leading 18 clubs in Wales, has long stood against its

But after the meeting, the secretaries of the two bodies, Denis Evans, of the WRU and Brian Jones, of the Merit Table, emerged to issue a joint

"The Welsh Rugby Union and the Merit Table clubs have met and have had a harmonious meeting. Further progress has been made," the statement read.
"The Merit Table clubs will meet on February 22 and then a full statement will be made. No other meetings are planned

That is almost certain to mean the sides have finally come to an agreement on the introduction of leagues, although the Merit clubs are still keen to see changes in the Union proposed format.

• Philip Danaher will captain the Ireland Under-25 team against the United States Eagles at Thomond Park, Limerick, on

TEABL: J Stuples (London Irish); J Clarke (Doptin), P Desether (Garryowen, capter), V Cunninghem (Si Mary's College), P Mayny (Stannon); P Heatechy (Terenure College), A Stair (Dungannon); il Poppiewell (Greystones), J O'Riodan (Constation), G Helpin (Wanderers), P Johns (Dublin University), M Galwey (Shannon), K O'Conneal (Surany's Well), D McBride (Malone), B Robinson

Llewellyn may yet be the prince of the cabbage patch

England have been promising such of late and at times have accually delivered. But mention Wales and great clouds gather. Suddenly, it becomes sharply and darkly desolate. England can show only five wins on the old cabbage patch in the last 30

Furthermere, as I am sure it will not have escaped notice, it has not been the most inspiring of periods for Wales and yet they will arrive at Twickenh

will arrive at Twickenham to-morrow attempting to best Eng-land for the fifth consecutive time since 1986.

Welsh influence, I dare say, has played its not inconsiderable part in many an English down-fall. Yet I imagine some of England's own players, by show-ing no real stomach for the fight, have helped them on their way. They have had more than their

mysteriously to be underdogs. This is not good enough in order to compete consistently at the highest level.

But the title of the favoured

team has to be earned in the first early a stage has its own pitfalls. To understand the very bubble nature of reputation should be

opposition, to fail to understand exactly the nature of the game against Wales and what spirit against wares and want sput informs the occasion — one of the most evocative in the British sporting calendar — or, worse, to pretend not to care all that ically, England are a formidable team. Tomorrow they have to prove whether their minds are is psychologist is already in place. Should the jealous ear eaves-drop on all their talk? Last year

Will Carling admitted that he treated the game like any other and said as much with a fortnight to go. At the same time He lost the game when he first started thinking that way. He would have been better advised at the time to have had a fireside

chat with his father who, while in the Army, had a season or two with Cardiff. He would surely match as no more special than any other. But in Wales, you see, they do, he would have added. English rugby, it seems.

Davies

This year, if we listen to the whispers, the declaration is that England will win provided they do not allow themselves to be dragged down to Wales' level. Is it perchance that within this curious analysis we find the reason for past failure, too? There is either a delusion of nere is either a delusion of grandeur at the heart of this or else it begins already to sound like an apology. Last year there were some, if I remember cor-rectly, who, come the defeat in Cardiff, blamed the rain.

on occasions. But what they down, good ones do not. Good have lacked against Wales is, if teams soon come to terms with a you see what I mean, the set of conditions — of players or ruthless instinct of the the weather — and finally, more cecutioner. often than not, overcome them.

Not coming to terms with New Zealand, with whom

being favourites, and feeling comparisons are already being maconfortable with it, is a made, simply add up the points. For the moment, with Engteams of these islands. Teams, land, at least, the glow we however good they are, prefer perceive is the desire of wishful thinking. Only time and success, and there has not really been enough of either of these, will turn the hoping that something might be into knowing it will be. England are beginning to

faifil their promise; Wales remain without the comfort of any promise. That 14 men should have played so valiantly against france that they lost by five tries to one is no basis for any kind of useful judgement. Come tomorrow, the English camp will have exhausted its analysis of Welsh weaknesses but will it have come anywhere near understandin the passion the occasion

something of the spirit of Water ioo and Agincourt around Parc des Princes two weeks ago. It is, with the odds so beavily stacked against them, the indomitable spirit of Llewellyn, the last of its princes, that will insignate the Welsh team temorrow.

Geoff Cooke and Roger Uttley, if all the eventualities have been covered in their square training, will have been well advised to have called a Welsh history teacher as well as psychologists on board. They all somehow seem to count these

If they have done so, their morale will be bolstered in knowing that the English, hav-ing tried to undermine Llewellyn's authority by other means, finally beshwacked him. It was such a disester. And for

Bristol compensated for defects to stand

Bristol rugby club has agreed to an out-of-court settlement with semi-final played on Wednespensation for design faults in its 1988 centenary stand. Among complaints from sup-porters, the £500,000 stand was

said to offer poor visibility, little protection from wind-swept rain and defective seating.

The club sued its builders,
Stone and Company, during a
three-day trial at Bristol Crown
Court but the architects, Atkins,
Sheppard, Fidler and Associates, will have to meet the bill after accepting responsibility for

Modifications, estimated to cost around £750,000, will now be undertaken with the stand getting a larger roof, steeper seating a new floor and gal-

a building company, believed to day between Swansea and Brisbe around £850,000, as comoriginal selection, including Lewis, their lock and captain, while the English have in-troduced Bracegirdle, of Salford, to replace the injured McLeod on the left wing. ● Floyd Steadman, the Saraces

scrum half who led the club a scrum hair who led the club to promotion to first division of the Courage Clubs Championship last year, is to retire at the end of this season.

 Neville Compton, the man credited with converting Wasps from an unfashionable club to its present high status in English rugby, has died, aged 80. He made his debut for Wasps as a setting a larger root, steeper seating a new floor and galvanized seats to protect them from rusting.

• England and Wales meet in a universities international at Richmond this advanced with the second root of first team rugby as a second row. During his unic years as club captain, between 1940 and 1949, he

Ranking nake 2 ii purie s ii STUDENT SPORT Television tonic for officials of

Games By Peter Davenport

Officials of the company organizing the World Student Games to be held in Sheffield Games to be held in Sheffield next year yesterday disclosed significant progress in the critical area of securing extensive television coverage, a vital element in attracting big international sponsors for the event.

After returning from a 15-day After returning from a 13-day negotiating four around the world, David Foggin, the marketing director of Universiade, revealed that he had obtained oral or written commitments from 22 countries

to show pictures of the Games.
The countries in which television companies have given undertakings include Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, and although the negotiation. tiating programme is still in tiating programme is sum in progress, the coverage secured so far is already more than that given to any previous Univer-siade. It is also confidently expected that talks with an organization of 31 regional cable networks in the United States will produce a further

vesterday Foggin said that he was confident an eventual world-wide andience of 200 million would be secured, an enticing prospect to put before big international sponsors.

We are not complacent but

we feel that the commitments secured so far will provide us with the tools to help win major international sponsors. We are only part-way through our negoomy part-way into and it is clear that we could be adding addi-tional audiences right up to the Games itself," Foggin said.
"What it does show is that 18 months before the Games, we have a credible international

lations to offer sponsors."
Originally Universiade had appected that either the BBC or expected that either the BBC or ITV would provide coverage of the Games for selling onto a world-wide audience but those hopes soon proved to be ill-founded. The company now accepts that it will have to act as host broadcaster and provide pictures for companies around the world to take from satellite and it is recognized that if this decision had been taken at the outset, plans would now be outset, plans would now be

nuch more advanced.

It will not be charging for the coverage but intends to gain its financial return by offering an attractive platform to sponsors. Universiade budgeted £2 million, in its revised £27 million costings for running the Games, to provide host broadcasting but it still hopes that this figure can be further trimmed to £1.5

million.
In a further move to tie up the television coverage, the Universide board disclosed yesterday that it was appointing Grand Slam Sports Ltd, a London-based specialist sports broadcaster, to organize and provide the coverage.

Between now and June it will

carry out an intensive research programme to identify all the equipment and personnel — cables, cameras and crews — which will be required and then Grand Slam will organize and the Games which will attract some 6,000 athletes from more than 160 nations around the

world. University ready for a landslide By Mark Herbert

In the closing stages of the Commercial Union UAU win-University's march gathers strength. Only one of their sides lost in the competition on Wednesday - the netball second team - and four of their five respective finals. The fifth, the women's first team, plays its semi-final against Swansea next

The men's first team needed 2-0 at Cannock, Goals in the first period by Jason Lee and Danny Kerry gave Lough-borough the chance to recover the title they lost to Birmingham

last year.
Loughborough's opponents will be Sheffield, who overcame Swansea 1-0 at Liverpool Land scored from close range in the

Birmingham ensured their place in the women's final with a 6-0 win against Leeds at Liverpool. The hockey finals will be held at Coventry on

Leeds also came the wrong side of a heavy defeat in the football championship, Lough-borough triumphing 5-0 at Manchester. Howarth, a central defender, maintained his impressive scoring run with a brace and Matthews Reddin and Crane were also on target.

In the rearranged quarter-final on Wednesday, Exeter overcame Sheffield 2-1 and meet Kent in the semi-final on

meet Kent in the semi-final on February 28.

Birmingham, the netball champions, had their match against Newcastle postponed. Loughborough, who were beaten by Nottingham in the group rounds, gained revenge by 42-34 in the semi-final.

Tom Faulkner, a replacement left wing drafted in at the last minute, scored four of Bristol minute, scored four of Bristol minute, scored four of Bristol Polytechnic's tries in their 27-13

win over City of London in the Rugby Union championship quarter-final replay. In the women's hockey quarter-final, Bughton, the holders, best Ox-ford 4.1

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hodicy; Oxford 1, Brigaton 4.

Carling shrugs off any psychological hold by the Welsh

A wickedly cold west wind - it is part of England's specific tham yesterday as they trained ionship match at Twickenham tomorrow; if they beat the Welsh there, they will be one short of their first grand slam for 10 years, though no such Halliday's intrusion into midexpectation has entered the field, which was rehearsed

Will Carling, the captain, thought had yet been given to the Scots. "Our preparation has been specific to each side

beyond this Saturday." Nevertheless there is a snap and a confidence about England's work; despite the wind, there was scarcely a ball dropped in training, including the plethora of high kicks which Richard Hill was serving to Simon Halliday, his club colleague, in preparation for defensive chores in Halliday's new international position of right wing.

His restoration to the team players who influence their morning.

By Peter Bills

An attempt is to be made to heal the serious breach that has so disrupted the Oxford University

disrupted the Oxford University club this term. A joint statement will be issued by Mark Egan, the captain, and Brian Smith, his predecessor, saying in effect that Smith never refused to play for the Dark Blues this term.

The message which will clear Smith's name comes three weeks after the Australian failed to certify for

to arrive for a match against Combined London Old Boys. It was suggested that he would not

By Michael Stevenson

In a magnificent contest that could hardly have been bettered

for handling skills outside the scrum from the winners and

virorous, uncompromising for-ward play from Belmont Abbey, St Andrew's, of Buenos Aires, thoroughly deserved what in the

end was a narrow victory by two tries and three penalties to a goal, a try and a penalty. St Andrew's were well served by Braun and Bosicovich in the

pack but their chief glory lay in the speeds, handling and sup-port play of their backs for whom Kersten and Galperin were stupendous. Sometimes Belmont had no

vey, at stand-off half, played well for them and during a remarkably prolonged second

half the home pack managed to establish considerable

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St Andrew's

was suggested that he would not play for the university because Matters had reached

Handling skills give

St Andrew's an edge

and strong wind favoured St. 7 Gendemosi, N Targett, W Chasamaie, D Andrew's in the first half and they led when Galperin, who had missed two dropped-goal attempts, kicked a straight forward penalty awarded for off-side. They went further ahead when Bosicovich scored from a tapped penalty but Galperin.

games very heavily, and their is tempting to say that it came recipe for the Welsh. "Simon's direct from Wales - greeted a very talented player and the England players at Fel- gives us more attacking and defensive options," Carling for the five nations' champ- said. Defence will include a potentially thunderous col-

thinking of the English camp. several times yesterday. Carling shrugs off any when asked which of the two suggestion that Wales exercise remaining games — against a psychological grip on what-Wales and Scotland — he ever team England, who have ever team England, who have feared most, denied that any won four times in the last 20 years, put into the field. "I have never believed that this match is anything other than we have come up against," he another five nations' game," said, "and we are not looking he said. "If the Welsh believe

it's something different, fine. We don't believe we have a psychological problem. We lost last year because we didn't perform in certain areas. "Wales are a good side and I

admire them for some of the rugby they have played but I see no difference between them and, say, a passionate Scottish side. We have looked at their team as a whole and

of a significant division of views in the wake of the captaincy selection which favoured Egan

over another Australian, Troy

Smith never made such a de-cision. It is hoped the coming together of the two players will help resolve a conflict that has

split Oxford rugby down the

fluence enjoyed by the overseas contingent, supported by some, but jealously despised by others.

failed to put the unmarked Lamm in for a try. A second St

Andrew's penalty kicked by Orti and a third by Galperin gave them a 13-0 interval lead. Harvey's penalty for a scrum-mage offence cut the lead; but

immediately Galperin broke thrillingly, chipped ahead, Lamm backed on and Kersten got the touchdown.

Another enormous touch carried play to the visitors' line and, after a clumsy tap-down, the ball squirted out for Raphael

to pick up advoitly and dive over. When Harvey converted, Andrew's knew they had a real contest on their hands.

The scoreline narrowed fur-

The scoreine narrowed fur-ther when Galperin duffed his clearance, Kasamale fielded and fed Harvey, who gave Targett the scoring pass. The conversion was missed and St Andrew's ended the game on the attack.

SCORERS: Belmost Abboy: Tries: Re-prest, Tergett, Conversion; Havey Pen-dity: Hervey. St. Andrew's: Tries; Boscowch, Kersten. Penettees: Galperin (2), Ord.

But Egan will make clear that

style of play. We don't know what style they will adopt against us but we have to adapt to whatever they throw Many of the English players

volume tomorrow. Carling described the crowd in France

which greeted them at the Parc des Princes a fortnight ago and will be looking for a far greater

as "phenomenal" but added the cautionary note that the support would depend on England's approach. "We will try and play a varied game,"

were delighted by the support

"Exactly how we start remains to be seen but at times we will want to play it tight, at times we will want to play it open. The depth of prepara-

tion of this side leads to a belief in the style we adopt. problems to, say, the French and we have had to tailorareas of our game to meet

mond pack on Wednesday, they have some world-class Stoop Memorial Ground this

nadir that four Dark Blues, Smith, Coker, and the Ameri-caus, Gary Hein and Don James, preferred to play for Public School Wanderers this

week rather than Oxford. The

trouncing the university re-ceived from the Army on Wednesday brought into focus the damage being done to Oxford rugby by the dispute.

The Welsh pose different

England, whose forwards scrummaged against the Richwill have their final run at the

Statement imminent on Oxford split at this stage, but it would be fair to say it involves a harmony of Smith, who now hopes to represent Oxford before the end of the term added: "It was a complete fabrication to say that I told Mark I would not play for Oxford. Certain members of the

The role of certain people associated with the club has been shown in an unsavoury light by the troubles. But yesterday Egan confirmed a state-Just two defeats give Tavistock best season

Tavistock College, a comprehensive school in Devon, have just concluded their best season; they lost only to Exeter School (7-19) and a powerful Old Boys side (0-12). They scored 329 points while conceding only 94. The side scored 61 tries, with Rush, the No. 8, contributing 16 of them. Their leading point scorer was the hooker, Chappell, with 85.

hooker, Chappell, with 85.

Tavistock have produced such famous rugby names as played at Wolverhampton on David Trick and Graham Dawe and normally they would, considering the strength of their fixture list which includes a methods.

Wellington (Berks) or Bristol GS. The semi-final will be morning of the Calcutta Cup match, March 17, and the final at Twickenham on April 7.

Kirkham GS are still going mail with four dafants tunning of the Calcutta Cup match, March 17, and the final at Twickenham on April 7. number of independent schools, consider a break-even season to

consider a break-even season to be very satisfactory.

The master-in-charge, Tony Welsh, stresses that in an outstanding team effort, Badge on the wing, and the captain, Down, in the centre, have served the side particularly well. Silcoutes have won 16 and lost four matches this season. They are particularly pleased to have defeated Leeds GS, Bradford GS and QEGS Wakefield in both first and second XV. Bradford CS and QDQS Water-field at both first and second XV levels. Eddie and Davis, who represented Yorkshire 18 Group, and Stimpson and Shep-herd, of Yorkshire 16 Group, have been outstanding. Their most recent wins have been against Ermysted's GS (49-6),

Woodhouse Grove (20-0).
Bradford GS (25-16), Leeds GS (27-6) and QEGS Wakefield (18-6).

The Daily Mail Under-15 Cup is moving into its quarter-final ties: RGS High Wycombe v King Edward VII, Lytham v King Edward VII, Lytham v King Edward VI, Aston: Bradford GS v Ratcliffic; and Colfe's v either Wellington (Berks) or Bristol GS. The semi-final will be played at Wolverhampton on

there has been an orchestrated

campaign against them and I am delighted that this statement

well, with four defeats, two draws and 14 wins to their credit. Their most recent wins were against Hutton GS (37-10) and Ormskirk GS (64-0) and the only side to beat them since early October is Stonyhurst. They will shortly embark on a three-match, half-term tour of

The Netherlands.
Trent College under 15s deserve congratulations, as they are unbeaten for the second successive season. Their record is 22 played, 19 won and three drawn. Points for were 540 and against 106. Russell broke even with seven

wins and seven defeats. The high spots of the season were the victories against King's, Macclesfield, and Kirkham GS. Richmond this afternoon, with, never missed a game

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FOOTBALL: ANFIELD OLD BOY ENJOYS AN INDIAN SUMMER TO HIS LONG CAREER

Ranking positions make a nonsense of Durie's patriotism

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

There was something symbolic about the Moet and Chandon British ranking awards yesterday. Both the respective No. 1s, Jeremy Bates and Monique Javer, had influenza, which is entirely appropriate because the whole rankings process is rife with disease.

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The problem is that no one, least of all the players, seems to know how the rankings are calculated. The men were under the impression that they were being measured by a quarterly average of the computer rankings. They were not. The women thought the final decision lay with the Lawn Tennis Association's ranking committee. It did not, Both ranking lists were taken from the computer positions at the end of the year.

There can be few arguments about the men's rankings. Bates was consistently the best British player through the year, was unbeaten in Davis Cup and is now ranked exactly 100 places higher than the British No. 2, Nick Brown. Chris Bailey, the No. 3, can legitimately argue that he was ranked above Brown for much of the year and therefore on a

the other adopted, will meet in the final of the \$50,000 (approximately £30,300) men's Challenger at Croydon today (Andrew Longmore writes). Udo Riglewski is German born and bred and is one of a number of hulking potential successors to Boris Becker rising

through the ranks of German tennis. His opponent, Christian Saceanu, is a Romanian by birth, but claims German citizenship through his mother. He moved to West Germany

quarterly average would have days when the tennis writers been No. 2. But it is fine decided the rankings. tuning and, realistically, there is not much to choose between them

The women's rankings are rather less clear-cut. It is not Javer's fault, but that she should be the British No. 1 is patently absurd. She only became eligible to play for Britain two years ago, still lives in her native California and, for whatever reason, refused to represent Britain in team competitions last year. Jo Durie, who has always answered the call of country £600 each in the junior and who was for much of the category. year the leading British player in the rankings, is under-standably upset at being demoted.

A recommendation will be put to the management com-mittee of the LTA next month which hopefully will clear up the mess. It should not be beyond the wit of the LTA to devise a points system based on a combination of world rankings, representative international matches and the national championships to

Category.

British RANKONGS (1989 placings in brackets; Mae: 1. J Basse (Surrey) (1): 2. N Brown (Chee) (-): 3. C Balley (Nortok) (3): 4. A Castle (Som) (2): 5. J Turner (Avon) (12: 6, M Petchey (Essay) (11): 7. N Futwood (Derbys) (5): 8. D Sapsiord (Surrey) (9): 9. S Botleid (Essay) (6): 10. D Ison (Laks) (-): 11. S Cote (Surrey) (-): 12. U Nganga (Nortok) (-): 13. P Hard (Berks) (-): 14. C Wildinson (Hants and IOW) (-): 15. G Engleman (Middle) (-): 18. A Sproule (Lancs) (-): 19. N Russed (Surrey) (-): 20. D AN (Dev) (-): Wildinson (Hants and IOW) (-): 20. D AN (Dev) (-): Wildinson (1): 18. A Sproule (Lancs) (-): 19. N Russed (Surrey) (-): 20. D AN (Dev) (-): Wildinson (-): 18. A Sproule (Lancs) (-): 19. S Futh (Essay) (4): 5. A Grunfald (Lancs) (7): 6, A Hobbs (Chee) (-): 7. A Simplif (Essay) (12): 10. S Loosenore (S Wilse) (5): 11. B Borneo (Beds) (-): 12. J Selmon (Sussex) (6): 13. L Gould (Essay) (13): 14. S Bertiey (Lincs) (-): 15. J Louis (Devon) (15): 16. K Ricken (Warwicks) (17): 17. R Violet (Lancs) (-): 18. V Lake (Lancs) (-): 18. V Lake (Berney) (16): 3. A Niepel (Lancs) (-): 18. V Lake (Berney) (16): 3. A Niepel (Lancs) (-): 18. V Lake (Berney) (16): 3. A Niepel (Lancs) (-): 18. Cancel (-): 18. V Lake (Berney) (16): 3. A Niepel (Lancs) (-): 18. Cancel (-): 18. L'eutonic pride is at stake Two West Germans, one native, five years ago so that he would final service game.

be free to travel more on the international circuit. Come May, and the Davis Cup tie in Bucharest, the British team could be thankful for that In the quarter-finals, Saceanu comfortably beat Nick Brown, who could play the second singles in Romania; yesterday, he had a tougher match against Nano Message and seed to the second single and seed to the second seed to Nuno Marques, a tall gentle left-hander from Portugal. Marques had three points to take the second set, two on Saceanu's

beat Olivier Soules of France in three sets and two and a half hours of muscly rather than artful tennis, will know each other's games well enough because they play together at the

Decause they play together at the same club in Germany.
RESULTS: Singles: Sent-finals: U
Rigiowski (WG) bit O Soules (Fr), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; C Sacsani (WG) bit N Marques (Por), 6-4, 7-6. Doubles: Sent-finals: A Castle (Somerset) and O Delaire (Fr) bit P Svensson (Swé) and L Wahlgren (Swé), 6-1, 6-3 N Brown (Cheshire) and N Fulvood (Derbys) bit J Canter (US) and B Gerrow (US) 7-6, 6-1

Bates, at least, struggled into

award, Javer, confined to her

bed back home in northern

California, received hers by

proxy. Awards of £1,000 for

1989 went to Nick Brown and Sarah Bentley. James Turner and Belinda Borneo received

£650 for their industry and

YACHTING

Dalton's decision rewarded

By Barry Pickthall

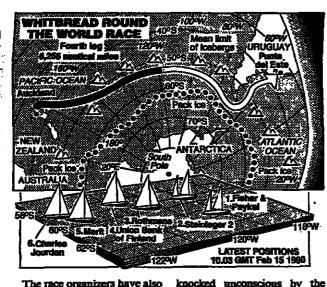
The extreme southerly and shorter course around the bottom of the globe being taken by Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel finally paid off yesterday when the New Zealand ketch opened up a 24-mile lead over her principal Whitbread Round the World Race rival. Steinlager 2. World Race rival, Steinlager 2. As well as losing distance on Fisher & Paykel, the Peter Blake skippered Steinlager, now tracking a course towards Cape Horn 135 miles to the north, also lost ground to the third-placed Brit-

sh yacht, Rothmans. Laurie Smith and his crew, tracking the 60th Parallel once more, midway between the two New Zealand yachts, has pulled back 50 miles on Steinlager since Tuesday and trails the overall leader by just 25 miles. Fasizi, the Soviet entry led by Skip Novak, now the second most southerly yacht in the fleet, also appears to have benefited from the better winds to move closer to the leaders. Overtaking Harry Harkimo's Finnish entry. Belmont Finland, to take seventh place overnight, the ba-nana-shaped Russian sloop set the best average speed between

satellite passes yesterday, making it knots against the nine set by Fisher & Paykel.

Smith's predictions in The Times on Wednesday that the variable conditions would lead to some dramatic place changes, came to fruition yesterday, with Charles Jourdan, Alain Gabbay's French ultra-light design, which is taking an extreme by Fisher & Paykel. northerly route, dropping from

fifth to eleventh. Most of the others in the leading group, including UBF Finland, Merit and Martela OF, have escaped the worst by moving further south.



judged from the course taken by Steinlager during the past 24 hours, that the New Zealand ketch is facing headwinds, which would account for her sudden loss of distance relative Rothmans

In a radio report to race headquarters yesterday, Andrew Cognill, skipper of the veteran British cruiser, With Integrity, reported that these headwinds spread at least 500 miles behind the leaders

With Integrity trails her cruis-ing rival, Creightons Naturally, by 100 miles, but remains 200 miles ahead of Patrick Tabarly's leading division 3 yacht, L'Esprit de Liberte. L'Esprit de Liberté.

Tracy Edwards's all-women crew on Maiden are maintaining second place in this class, but lost 30 miles overnight after Mikaela Von Kuskull, the Finnish sail trimmer on board, was

boom during a Chinese gybe. Yesterday, Edwards reported that Von Kuskull was out cold for five minutes but is now



Case gets a kick out of youth

Evergreen

FA CUP

By Clive White

his suit yesterday to accept his If it was not for the exciting oung talent that surrounds him at Southampton, Jimmy Case would probably already have played his last game at Anfield. On the eve of yet another Liverpool reunion in the FA Cup 66th neural forms. On the eve of yet anomer Liverpool reunion in the FA Cup fifth round tomorrow, Case extended his gratitude to the likes of Matt Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace for helping to sustain his interest in the game at an age when most players are thinking more of the future than present. Case, who is enjoying one of his best seasons at the age of 35 in a long and distinguished career, believed that he would probably have been tempted into a coaching job had he not got such enormous pleasure from playing with Southampton's precoclous young set. "If it wasn't so enjoyable, you might say, at my age, "what's the use." I wouldn't be interested in playing in a mediocre side full of old heads that weren't going anywhere. I need a challenge and these lads have provided that," he said. the players who have made the most significant progress in effort during the year, while Samantha Smith, aged 18, and Paul Robinson, aged 15, won

transfer speculation surround-ing the Wallace twins and Le Tissier, Case's remarks sound distinctly like a plea to them not distinctly like a plea to them not to break up a happy home. While Case would be the last person to stand in the way of young men's dreams, he seemed to be hinting at some concern over the discontent at the club reflected in recent results when he said: "The progress of Matt Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace depends on them growing up depends on them growing up with the right attitude. They need to settle down and concentrate on their football. Then who knows how far they could on "he coid go," he said.

Case's attitude has always

In the light of the recen

been first-class. He is the model professional, diligent and as enthusiastic as he was the first day he came into the game. He insists on doing all the training that the young boys do and takes pride, and doubtless a psycho-But then Case was given the perfect schooling at Anfield. He was the local boy who graduated to play with the stars and never tenned circles he all us a way of was the focal boy was grammard to play with the stars and never stopped giving his all as a way of repaying the management for their faith in him. The crowd, who found it easier to associate with Case than some other Liverpool players, have not forgotten him. He holds a special place in their hearts. "They're very knowledgeable. They keep tabs on you as you continue through your career and they remember you for the amount of sweat you put in on their behalf as a player. I'm looking forward to going there."

By coincidence, Case has played against Liverpool more often than any other team since their behalf and they would get up to fight another day."

often than any other team since day."

By Peter Ball

The tenuous hold the football Scottish FA, while both Eurosport and Screensport are show-ing overseas football in this authorities have on the televis-ing of football within their these programmes are in direct contravention of Article 14 of the UEFA regulations which requires the consent of the home boundaries is looking increasingly vulnerable. Already being challenged at the European Commission by ITV, UEFA restrictions on the showing of live overseas football, and their application by the home associations are being further tested. association.

The Zenith Cup in particular is causing problems, with the Scottish FA adamant that it does not want the games shown in Scotland. "When we were relied if my wanted the games." ations, are being further tested

by the satellite companies. British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) is planning to show the Celtic v Rangers match live on (BSB) is planning to show the Celtic v Rangers match live on April I, a date when ITV will be showing an English League match, almost certainly Aston Ville v Manchester City. BSB is to have it," Jim Farry, secretary of the Scotlish FA said, yestenday to stream, although the is a country-wide telvision match to a stream, although the is a country-wide telvision. comes on stream, although the head of sport for BSB, Andrew Croker, insisted yesterday that the Italian Football would not Glen Kirt

be screened against live domes-tic matches.

Meanwhile, Sky Television is showing Zenith Data Systems

The fident yesterday that a solution to the problem was in hand—
presumably an agreement that Cup matches live in Scotland, so Zenith matches should be far without the approval of the played on Thursdays.

OLYMPIC GAMES Sports ban

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Glen Kirton, the television

negotiator of the FA, was confident yesterday that a solution

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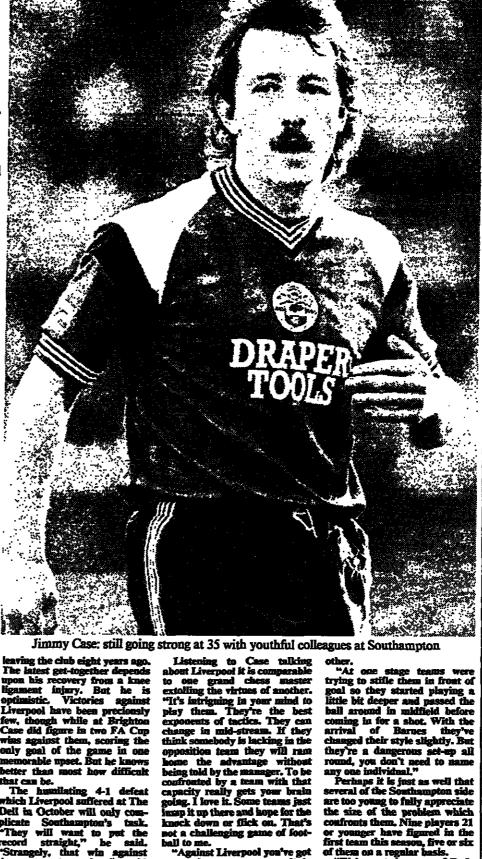
Colorado Springs, Colorado (AP) — A ban on South Africa's participation in international of the black leader, Nelson Mandela, according to Robert Helmick, the president of the United States Olympic Com-

mittee
"No matter what changes are made, they are not going to be enough until the apartheid law is taken off the books," Helmick said yesterday. Helmick had been meeting South African sports officials,

including Johan du Plessis, president of the South African Olympic Committee, in De Moines, Iowa Helmick said be was encouraged by what he had been told. "There is a good possibility the apartheid law will be re-

pealed sometime in the not-too-distant future," he said. "Until that is done, the USOC is fully supportive of the IOC position on South Africa." Du Plessis said it will take time for South Africa to be accepted back into the IOC.

South Africa last competed in the Olympics in 1960. Du Plessis conceded the 1OC's ban against South Africa has hurt the country's sports structure. "The standard of South African sports has been very badly influenced by the ban," he said.



leaving the club eight years ago. The latest get-together depends upon his recovery from a knee ligament injury. But he is optimistic. Victories against Liverpool have been preciously few, though while at Brighton Case did figure in two FA Cup wins against them, scoring the only goal of the game in one memorable upset. But he knows better than most how difficult that can be. exponents of tactics. They can change in mid-stream. If they think somebody is lacking in the opposition team they will ram home the advantage without being told by the manager. To be confronted by a team with that capacity really gets your brain going. I love it. Some teams just lump it up there and hope for the knack down or flick on. That's that can be.

The humilating 4-1 defeat which Liverpool suffered at The

which Liverpool suffered at The Dell in October will only complicate Southampton's task, "They will want to put the record straight," he said, "Strangely, that win against them was not one that I would get carried away with. We did play quite well and they would be the first to admit that. Everything seemed to click on

powerful midfield of tour to tive players. I don't mean players in a line because formations don't mean a thing to them. Their movement is tremendous. They always believe in following the pattern of play, so that if you keep moving you will get on the end of the hall some time or putting locally, and locally in the pattern of play, so that if you keep moving you will get on the end of the hall some time or putting locally, and locally Scottish resistance to Robson may return for Zenith Cup television late stages of season

> returned home after last his groin operation last week, and Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday: "Bryan is coming along nicely, but we won't be taking any risks with him. If everything goes well he could be back for the last months of the season."
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> Robson has missed United's last nine games and has not last nine games and has not played since he damaged his groin at Liverpool just before Christmas.

kneck down or flick on. That's not a challenging game of foot-

ball to me. "Against Liverpool you've got

"Against Liverpool you've got to watch every move as it is building and try to figure out where the end pass is going to be, because that's the killer one. They keep throwing little bits into their game but it hasn't changed a great deal over the years. At one time they had a

years. At one time they had a powerful midfield of four to five

● Wally Downes, the former Wimbledon and Sheffield United midfield player, was yesterday appointed reserve team coach at Millwall by the new manager, Bob Pearson, Downes, aged 28, had been coaching at Millwall's School of Excellence. Excellence.

 Sunderland are to host an inter-European under-19s football tournament at Roker Park in August. Featuring teams from six leading European teams, and two from Britain, the event will

Bryan Robson could be playing for Manchester United and England again in the closing months of the season. He has returned home after last his The Republic of Ireland are to

consider an offer of an inter-national in West Germany on September 12. It would be a return fixture following the Germans' visit to Dublin last year, when the sides drew 1-1.

David Kevan, the Notts
County midfield player, yesterday joined Stoke City for
£75,000 after a successful spell on loan at the Victoria Ground Trevor Francis may make his full debut for Sheffield Wednesday against Arsenal at Hillsborough tomorrow, after two League appearances as substitute.

Beoby Mimms, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper ou loan with Aberdeen, will make his first appearance for the Scottish club tomorrow against

Celtic.

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Chicket are to allow matchday ticket sales for their all-ticket game with Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on

BOXING

Douglas is shaping up for a rematch

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

The first defence of James "Buster" Douglas, the world heavyweight champion, is almost certain to be against Mike Tyson. Douglas is having talks with Don King, Tyson's adviser and promoter.

"As an honourable champion, I want to fight Evander Holyfield because he's the No. ! contender," Douglas said. "But there's also a point where the best financial deal is.
"If I defeated him once, I can again. I want to savour the victory a little. It's been a long, hard road. I trained for two months and I haven't had a vacation yet. I had a couple of glasses of champagne on the plane home with my entourage, but that's it."
Douglas's manager, John Douglas's man

Johnson, believed the rematch could be arranged soon, depend-ing on King's reaction to his terms. "If not, we'll fight Holyfield," Johnson said. As the winner of the recent bout in Tokyo, Douglas has signed to meet Holyfield, the No. I contender, on June 18 at Atlantic City, but the champion believes King can get out of that

commitment by comper Holyfield financially. "There seems to be talk of Holyfield being given some money, enough to wait," Douglas said. "And he'd be guaranteed a shot at the winner.
Holyfield's manager, Shelly
Finkel, said the sum would have
to be well in excess of \$3

Minion.

● Robert Dickie, of Cross Hands, the former British featherweight champion, has pulled out of his bout with Andy Deabreau, of Cardiff, in Cardiff on March I after injuring a hand in training larges Hunter of in training. James Hunter, of Middlesbrough, replaces him and will defend his Welsh super-feather weight title.

Long-count referee for London

By Srikumar Sen Octavio Meyrán Sánchez, the referee who gave the "long count" in the recent world heavyweight championship contest between Mike Tyson and James "Buster" Douglas and had to make a public admission of his fault in Tokyo, has been chosen by Mickey Duff, the London promoter, for first team this season, five or six of them on a regular basis.

"We've got the pace of Rodney Wallace, the skill of Le Tissier, a good young goalkeeper and several other plusses. The fruits are there," Case said. "I'm getting the same sort of pleasure seeing Rodney finish off one of my passes as I used to get when putting Danny, his brother, through on goal, You can't really compare them at this stage, it's Duff, the London promoter, for Lloyd Honeyghan's world title bout against Mark Breland at Wembley on March 3. Duff has made a special

request to the World Boxing Association for Sanchez to officiate. Jarvis Astaire, a business associate of Duff, said yesterday. "Mickey rang me and said that's the referee we want because he thought he was a decent referee. We have made a specific request for him to take charge of Honeyghan-Breland. He was obviously under great

pressure and was much maligned."

Duff has the backing of the British boxing board. John Morris, its secretary, said: "We would make no objection if he was appointed." was appointed."
Sauchez, aged 42 and a blan-

ket salesman in Mexico City, has handled 30 world title bouts. the most famous being the "no mas" bout in which Duran walked out of the contest with Leonard in New Orleans. He is no stranger to British followers. He was in charge when Alan Minter lifted the world title against Vito

Antuofermo, when Honeyghan stopped Donald Curry, and when Azumah Nelson knocked out Pat Cowdell in one round. William Hill, the bookmaker, is to sponsor Colin McMillan, the Barking featherweight, for a year as he presses for the British title.

• Herol Graham, of Sheffield, the British middleweight champion, has rejected a clash with Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, for the European title. Bobby Frankham, the boxer banned indefinitely from the

sport for punching a referee in December 1987, has had his third application for a licence to box again rejected.

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Promotion aim

Bournville hockey dub have taken on the international coach, Trevor Clarke, the for-mer Hockey Association direc-tor of coaching, in an attempt to gain promotion to the first division of the Poundstretcher National League. 4

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Will Carling England's rugby union captain: first, Wales; next, the world



Joe Royle Oldham's manager dreams of an unlikely football treble



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The case of 900 stolen tickets

by Mike Burton, the former England and Lions rugby union forward, stole hundreds of tickets for the match. tween England and Wales jor sports events, arranging tickets, hospitality marquees, tomorrow in an attempt to expose "a massive can of and m worms" in a black-market package and meals as a complete Burton's company had adracket, a court was told

vertised a corporate hospital-ity deal for the match tomorrow – including lunch, tea, complimentary bar and a ticket – for £385. When the Gloucester magistrates were told that the carefully-planned theft by Alan Rothwell from Burton's Gloucester offices went one step too far when theft was first reported last week, it was stated that 400 tickets had been stolen; most Rothwell demanded £100,000 for the return of the tickets. of them had a face value for Reporting restrictions were

lifted as the court heard how In court, Holmes said that Rothwell, aged 45, of Rothwell, bitter over his dis-Cranham Lane, Churchdown, Gloncester, wanted to expose the illicit selling of intermissal and itching for revenge, had used his inside knowledge national match tickets and to bypass the security system initiate an inquiry. at the office and steal a safe

Jon Holmes, defending Rothwell, said: This has implications far beyond Alan containing more than 900 tickets for the England v Wales match at Twickenham Rothwell. Quite frankly, we tomorrow. Holmes described how are opening a massive can of worms. There have been sus-Rothwell left a blackmail note picions for years that unlawful in the office mail box; in it, he threatened to release details of activities are going on. the tickets to the authorities

"My client feels there the tickets to the authorities should be a full-scale inquiry and Press, unless Burton paid into how more than 900 £100,000. tickets got into the hands of one person. The allegation, if correct, numbers, and be drafted let-

would mean that one in every ters to the authorities and 57 of the tickets at Twick-Press which police later found enham tomorrow had come in his briefcase, Holmes said. Rothwell followed up his into Burton's possession. blackmail notes with phone Rothwell was released on conditional bail to reappear calls, but on Wednesday

on April 12 to face charges of theft and making unwarranted demands with menaces. The court was told that

Rothwell had been sacked without warning or explanation from Mike Burton's done. He added: "He only sports management company hopes that out of the wrong he taken them.

has done, some good will come. What he has always wanted is to get this matter of ticket selling out into the

> After the hearing, Holmes said that all the tickets had been returned by the police to Burton; the police had recorded the serial numbers of

The Rugby Football Union issued fresh guidelines before this season on the sale of international-match tickets, which are distributed through affiliated clubs and schools but are always heavily

Cheques must be drawn on club or school bank accounts and application forms countersigned by a senior club official or a school headteacher.
The RFU recommends the

expulsion of members found "trading" in tickets and requires recipients to return unwanted tickets to Twickenham; any club or school whose allocation finds its way to the black market and is subsequently traced via the ticket numbers automatically

has its allocation withdrawn. The RFU has stepped up its vigilance of ticket sales since the crowd capacity at Twickenham has been reduced to

51,000 this season.
Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said last night: "I will be contacting the police at Twickenham to whom we have spoken about this affair."

Last month, Burton's company had to spend £30,000 on alternative air travel for clients going to a match in Dublin after the collapse of



the airline which was to have Packing a punch: England's forwards, including Moore, the booker, with the ball, and Teague, the No. 8, behind him, get taken them.

Packing a punch: England's forwards, including Moore, the booker, with the ball, and Teague, the No. 8, behind him, get down to business at Feltham for their five nations' championship match against Wales at Twickenham tomorrow

Spain inflict heaviest defeat on England

At his home, Rothwell

made notes of the ticket senal

police traced one of the calls to

Street, Gloucester, and

phone box in Southgate

Holmes said Rothwell

freely admitted what he had

From Sydney Friskin Labore

England's early profligacy on Monday. There are hopes took its toll at the World Cup that they can exploit the terday as they tumbled to their heaviest defeat by Spain since international matches between the two countries began

The result offered further proof of the theory that short corners win matches. England squandered two and conceded four, the first three of which were converted by Spain's brilliant wing-half, Ignacio Escude, in the second period, the score at the inter-

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England, though not out of they brought on Halls in the the running yet in group B for a place in the semi-finals, were their cause was lost. left with a forbidding task, having to face Pakistan to-

morrow and West Germany on Monday. There are hopes into the goalkeeper's pads and fence and emerge with a victory. Spain with two defeats be-

hind them hurled themselves unremittingly into yesterday's conflict and surprised everyone with their powers of acceleration. Being perfectly balanced they made no substitutions. England made three replacements, parting company once again with their captain, Richard Leman, in the 45th minute in favour of Russell Garcia. By the time

The first 20 minutes belonged to England, But in that time Batchelor pushed weakly shots by Leman and Thomp-1y. A 11 Clift in the sixteenth minute led to a short corner from which a shot by Kerly was saved by the goalkeeper.

Spain scored much against the run of play from their first move of consequence in the 23rd minute. Faulkner made one of his rare mistakes in defence by letting in the outside right, Jufresa, whose centre found its way to the unmarked Usoz, who scored.

Within six minutes Kerly found space on the right of the circle and went through smoothly to score a well-taken goal. Spain, however, struck notes of warning in the closing minutes of the first half, with Xavier Escude twice going perilously near scoring.

The slide downhill started

for England in the eighth minute of the second half and Ignacio Escude scored with a well-placed shot. A chance was presented to Eng-land in their second short corner but Faulkner's hit was saved by the goalkeeper.

Results and tables GROUP A; France 2, India 1.

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After Mayer had replaced Thompson England re-doubled their efforts but could not withstand a Spanish attack and conceded another short corner in the 63rd minute. Once again Escude's aim was

perfect.
Within two minutes there was the third short corner for Spain and this time Escude scooped the ball high into the net to put Spain in a position of prosperity. Almost on time they were awarded another

Short Corner.

ENGLAND: S Taytor (Strurport): P
908and (Hoursidow), D Fassinaer (Havrint),
J Potter (Hoursidow), S Seachaider
(Southgate), R Lanean (East Grinstand,
Capitain; sub: R Gentle, Haventij, S Kerty
(Southgate), R Calett Zinnocki, SPAIII: S Greet J Malgoen, M De Pez, J Kriles, J Amengol, J Igleelee, X Escude, Escude, P Jedrees, P Gertin, P Uecz, Japines: E Ruiz (Argenton), A S Bawa

Spectators have their say

By Stuart Jones Football Correspond

Spectators, by far the most generous sponsors of football, have at last been invited to join the debate on how the game should be presented. A report, published yesterday and entitled appropriately The Missing Voice, offers clubs an

insight into the coinions of season donate £100 million. Trevor Phillips, the commercial director of the Football League, described the

survey he commissioned as "The First Step". He could scarcely claim anything else since, of the 6,000,000 people estimated to attend at least one game a season, only 561 were sampled and 149 of those were television viewers. Nevertheless, Nick Cole-

man, a representative of MORI who conducted the poll, insisted that the statistical evidence was "reliable to within four per cent". Drawn from a dozen centres in Britain, the majority of those questioned were single males between the ages of 15 and 24 who follow first division

THE SPECTATORS' VIEW Matches to be played on Sunday (42 per cent in favour, 38 per

cent against). More restaurant facilities (56 per cent in favour). Older supporters in particular want improved toilet facilities. More pre-match and half-time entertainment (58 per cent), a request particularly of parents and youngsters.
 Entertainment to include children's football (36 per cent) and

bands (21 per cent).

• Drum majorettos (7 per cent) and cheerleaders (5 per cent)

 Video screens, showing action replays and highlights of other matches, would increase attendences (40 per cent). ● Alf-seat stackums (47 per cent in favour, 44 per cent

Continuation of the play-off system (69 per cent); particularly among the third and fourth divisions (85 per cent); particularly among the third and fourth divisions (85 per cent);
Membership schemes offering reduced or free admission to local sports and leisure facilities (73 per cent). Discounts at club shops (54 per cent) and car insurance (52 per cent).
Continuation of present television format of a live League match including all first division goals (71 per cent).

needs to be gathered, es- been cut by a quarter if it had pecially from those who have been imposed, can now be chosen no longer to go to games, but he is relieved at least to have made a start. "I've wanted to open this Phillips says, two of the proposals which were put dialogue ever since I was appointed three years ago," he

He was compelled to do so by the government's plan for a national membership scheme.

be prohibitive either".

He is convinced that a membership scheme, if it is presented in a less negative and heavy handed manner, could be a rich source of revenue. He had already negotiated terms, for instance, for a £30 million contract which would have covered the ex-

misguided plan. The poll, as well as recent statistics, confirm that football remains the nation's most popular sport. Attendances continue to rise and are expected to show an overall increase for the fourth successive season. "That is in spite of the game going through the most problematic decade in its history," Phillips

"We are facing increasing positively beneficial as long as competition from a variety of all clubs listen to "the missing sources for the supporter's leisure time but we don't It speaks with reason. As know enough about how the service can be improved. Lord Justice Taylor's report will act forward yesterday could more as a catalyst for change and we or less be put into operation tomorrow. "The improveneed to find out in which direction to go".

To date, the thoughts of only 561 people have officially

Darcy judged this new

course, completed only a year

ago, as too severe. "If the wind

blows it could be unplayable,"

he said. As it was, he missed

only one fairway, the fifth,

found an impossible lie only

three yards into the dunes, and

surrendered his one stroke to

par. The Irishman, using a

new driver which gave him an

extra 15 yards, was out in 34

in four more coming home.

is allowed 55 seconds to play his shot Subsequent players,

are given 40 seconds. Two

indiscretions are allowed

after which a penalty of £250

is imposed. A second trans-gression costs £500 and there-

after a two-stroke penalty

A target of 11 minutes is

allowed for a par three hole.

13½: minutes for a four and 16 minutes for a five. Four hours

and three minutes was the

projected time for a three-ball

round yesterday, and it was

more or less met by the whole

of the field. It will be a

different matter, though, when

the customary wind blows in

applies.

with three birdies, and hauled

Under the new slow-play

END COLUMN Wooing time is here for the chief

comes one of the most imis unknown to most peop Britain. He is Senili (chieftain) Paul Wallwork, the for-Western Samoan Rugby Union and a member, since 1987, of the International Olympic Committee: the first, incidentally, from the South Pacific, excluding Australia

and New Zealand. Wallwork's visit to England is the beginning of a crescendo of public relations by the Manchester Olympic Bid Committee, deliberately begun much later than by the other five candidate cities wishing to host the centenary Olympic es of 1996 and plying the IOC with invitations. intention of Bob Scott, the man, is to demonstrate to IOC members, those who might otherwise not know, that Britain is none too inexperienced at staging major sport-

During the next five months some 40 IOC members will visit Manchester in conjunction with attending the cream of sporting/social events of their own selection: two to the Grand National, 10 to the FA Cup final, two to the Derby, 12 at Wimbledon, four each at Henley and the Open golf.

Athens may be attempting to woo the IOC, with evident difficulty, on the strength of having given the Olymic Games to the world. Manchester wish to remind the world, discreetly, that Britain gave to the Olympics many of those sports which are now part of the programme of the modern Games.

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Manchester make

Another public relations exerciseby Manchester in-volves flying the IOC exec-utive board by private jet from their meeting in Belgrade to Manchester in April: Man-chester or London being a better take-off point for returning home to the corners of the globe than Belgrade, a lethargic and seemingly disinterested candidate city

Manchester see an advantage in the fact that many IOC members, now restricted to one visit to any candidate city, were in Toronto and Atlanta last year and in Melbourne during the recent Australian Open tennis championships. Memories of Manchester

will, therefore, be freshest 🔑 when they come to vote in Tokyo in September. The possible key to Manchester's campaign will be whether they are successful in persuading the Prime Minister to speak at their final presentation in Tekyo.

It is helpful that UK '90, 2 major trade exhibition by Britain, takes place in Tokyo at the same time as the IOC Session. As for the everpresent negative potential of the South African factor, Manchester's recently published anti-apartheid statement has been well received, and copies of this will be studied at next Monday's meeting of the IOC Anti-Apartheid Commission in Kuwait.

Manchester are treating every IOC member with particular recognition for their individual tastes and character. The socialites, for in-

not forgotten. If he has a geographic allegiance it is as much to New Zealand, but when he is hosted at lunch at Twickenham today by British Gas it is thought that his mind is still wide open for making #

Even at present rate of ment of catering facilities can consumption the world's be self-financing and quickly profitable. The cost of half-Phillips recognizes that Research, which indicated when England conceded their more definitive information that attendances would have known oil reserves first short corner. The hit from Darcy off like a giant refreshed the line was perfectly stopped will only last about 40 years.

From John Hennessy Oporto

As expected, it was an Irishman who led the way on the first day of the Atlantic Open golf tournament at Estela, 20 miles to the north of Oporto. But it was the wrong Irishman, so to speak, not Ronan Rafferty, leader of the Volvo Order of Merit last season, but Earnonn Darcy, now some-thing of a war horse at 37. Darcy brought his coal heaver of a swing to bear to

Williams

protest

Derek Williams's European

heavyweight boxing title de-feat against Jean Chanet, of

France, earlier this month is to

result in an official protest

from the British Boxing Board

John Morris, the Board

secretary, said vesterday the protest to the European Box-

ng Union would concern "the

French corner's use of 'new

skin' on a cut and the fact that

there were no inspectors

A record 3,655 entries have

been received for the Mc-

Carthy and Stone national

petition, which carries a first

prize of £1,000.

Record entry

of Control.

such devastating purpose at the start of the new Volvo Tour season that he came in with a record round of 66, six under par.

of Denmark. Another Irishplace on 69 with Steven Bottomley, of Yorkshire.

Darcy will long be rememagainst Ben Crenshaw in the 1987 Ryder Cup match, but he

SPORT IN BRIEF

nothing but a little social golf and some shooting, he has returned like a giant refreshed. This gave him a lead of two strokes over Anders Sorensen. Darcy's round, was that it was man, Des Smyth, shared third completed in a minute or two under four hours. Admittedly,

Williams: fight appeal

Put on ice

Peterborough Pirates, the ice hockey team, may lose their home as a result of the City councillors' decision not to buy the East of England ice rink. Dennis Adams, the mixed pairs bowls com- rink's owner, has said the site may now be sold for use as a

Trio picked Melbourne (Reuter) - The

was unable to retain his place.

Now, after four months of

Another agreeable feature of

the conditions were ideal, with

only a gentle zephyr blowing

off the ocean, but, even so, the

speed of play was clearly influenced by new penaltics

suffered a decline last year and hanging over laggards

Australian Test selectors have included the injured trio. Marsh. Boon and Hughes, in the Australian party of 13 for the short tour of New Zealand

New driver Zurich (AFP) - Gregor

Foilek, the Swiss driver, has signed to drive for Brabham in the coming Formula One motor racing season.

England tour The England rugby union team will tour Argentina later

this year, playing two internationals, on July 28 and August 4. The announcement follows the restoration of diplomatic relations between Britain and Argentina, broken off in 1982 because of the Falklands War.

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rules, the first player to strike stance, will be feted and the Cheshire country estates of the Duke of Westminster and Sebastian de Ferranti. Unaligned members such as Wallwork are regarded as critically important, their allegiance being potentially avail-

able to any city. It might be thought that Wallwork would inevitably vote for Melbourne. Yet in 1972, when he was an Australian weightlifting champion and eligible to com-pete for that country, he was selected and then passed over for the Olympic Games in Munich.

ITOM THE ATLANTIC.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (Breigh Index unless stated) 68: É Darry, 68: A Soromon (Dem), 69: S Bottomary, D Smyta 70: D Seva (Por), T Horion, W Longraur, P Smith, P Cuntic (Switz), M Sunesson (Swe), N Hensen, R Drummond D Witterns, H Thuel (WG), A Stetton (US) 71: P Barquaz (Fr.) I Gorviss (Sp.), C Matiman, S Bownism (US), N Briggs, S MicAlistier, M Marian (Sp.), S Hamil, R Bonal, G Brand Jin, R Chapman, E Dussant (Fr.). It was an experience he has decision next September.

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